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An Act of Association of the Clergy and Congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania.*

Whereas, By the late Revolution, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of *America* is become independent of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction in *England;* in consequence whereof, it is necessary for the Clergy and congregations of the said Church to associate themselves for maintaining uniformity in Divine worship, for procuring the power of Ordination, and for establishing and maintaining a system of ecclesiastical government;

And Whereas, At a meeting of sundry Clergymen and Lay Deputies from sundry congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, held in this city of *Philadelphia*, on the 25th day of *May*, in the year of our Lord 1784, there was appointed a Committee to

**Resolved*, That the President, the Rev. Dr. Magaw, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, Mr. Shippen, and Mr. Hand, be a Committee to prepare an Act of Association of the Clergy and Congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, who shall meet in Convention.

The Committee was instructed to regard the following points as fundamentals for their proceedings, they having been unanimously agreed to by the Convention:

First. That the Clergy and Lay Deputies vote as two distinct orders.

Second. That a Clergyman cannot vote as the representative of his particular Church; but that a Lay Deputy or Deputies be sent to represent each congregation.

Third. That each congregation be entitled to a vote; and that where two congregations are united, each congregation shall be entitled to a vote, and shall send a Deputy or Deputies.

Fourth. That the Convention meet annually, on such day as shall be declared in a law or rule, to be made by the next Convention for that purpose; and that the next meeting shall be held in Christ Church, Philadelphia, on Monday, the 22d day of May, 1786, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Fifth. That such of the members of the Convention as are met on the day of the annual meeting, shall be a quorum; in which quorum the votes of the majority shall be decisive.—*Journal of* 1785, *p.* 11.

confer and correspond with representatives from the Church in the other States, for the purpose of constituting an ecclesiastical government, agreeably to certain instructions or fundamental principles;*

AND WHEREAS, The said Committee, being assembled in the city of *New York* on the 6th and 7th days of *October*, in the same year, did concur with Clergymen and Lay Deputies from sundry States, in proposing a Convention from all the States, to be held in the city of *Philadelphia*, on the *Tuesday* before the Feast of *St. Michael* next ensuing, in order to unite in an ecclesiastical constitution, agreeably to certain fundamental principles expressed in the said proposal;†

* Which are as follows:

First. That the Episcopal Church in these United States is, and ought to be, independent of all foreign authority, ecclesiastical or civil.

Second. That it hath, and ought to have, in common with all other religious societies, full and exclusive power to regulate the concerns of its own communion.

Third. That the doctrines of the Gospel be maintained as now professed by the Church of *England;* and uniformity of worship be continued, as near as may be, to the Liturgy of the said Church.

Fourth. That the succession of the ministry be agreeable to the usage which requireth the three orders of Bishops, Priests and Deacons; that the rights and powers of the same respectively be ascertained; and that they be exercised according to reasonable laws to be duly made.

Fifth. That to make canons or laws there be no other authority than that of a representative body of the Clergy and Laity conjointly.

Sixth. That no powers be delegated to a general ecclesiastical government, except such as cannot conveniently be exercised by the Clergy and Laity in their respective congregations.

† Which are as follows:

First. That there be a General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States of *America.*

Second. That the Episcopal Church in each State send Deputies to the Convention, consisting of Clergy and Laity

Third. That associated congregations, in two or more States, may send Deputies jointly.

Fourth. That the said Church shall maintain the doctrines of the Gospel as now held by the Church of *England*, and shall adhere to the

AND WHEREAS, The body which assembled as aforesaid in *New York* did recommend to the Church in the several States, that previously to the said intended meeting they should organize or associate themselves agreeably to such rules as they shall think proper:

It is therefore hereby determined and declared by the Clergy, who do now or who hereafter shall sign this act, and by the congregations which do now or which hereafter shall consent to this act, either by its being ratified by their respective vestries, or by its being signed by their Deputies duly authorized, that the said Clergy and congregations shall be called and known by the name of *The Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania.*

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said Clergy and congregations, That there shall be a Convention of the said Church; which Convention shall consist of all the Clergy of the same, and of Lay

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Liturgy of the said Church, as far as shall be consistent with the *American* Revolution, and the Constitution of the respective States.

Fifth. That in every State where there shall be a Bishop duly consecrated and settled, he shall be considered as a member of the Convention *ex-officio.*

Sixth. That the Clergy and Laity assembled in Convention shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote separately, and the concurrence of both shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

Seventh. That the first meeting of the Convention shall be at *Philadelphia*, the *Tuesday* before the Feast of *St. Michael* next; to which it is hoped and earnestly desired, that the Episcopal Churches in the respective States will send their Clerical and Lay Deputies, duly instructed and authorized, to proceed on the necessary business herein proposed for their deliberation.

In compliance with the last article, the following persons are appointed, viz.: *Clerical Deputies*—The Rev. Drs. White and Magaw, and the Rev. Messrs. Blackwell, Hutchins and Campbell. *Lay Deputies*—Messrs. Richard Peters, Gerardus Clarkson, Samuel Powell, William Atlee, Jasper Yates, Stephen Chambers, Edward Hand, Thomas Heartly, John Clarke, Archibald McGrew, Plunkett Fleeson, Edward Shippen, Joseph Swift, Andrew Doz, John Wood, Nicholas Jones and Edward Duffield.

Deputies; and that all the acts and proceedings of the said Convention shall be considered as the acts and proceedings of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State; *Provided always*, That the same shall be consistent with the fundamental principles agreed on at the two aforesaid meetings in *Philadelphia* and *New York*.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said Clergy and congregations, that each congregation may send to the Convention a Deputy or Deputies; and where two or more congregations are united, they may send a Deputy or Deputies for each congregation, and no congregation may send a Clergyman as their Deputy; and each congregation represented in Convention shall have one vote.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said Clergy and congregations, That the Clergy and Lay Deputies in Convention shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote as two distinct orders, and that the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to every measure; and such Clergymen and Lay Deputies as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention shall be a quorum; and on every* question, the votes of the majority of those present of the two orders respectively shall decide.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said Clergy and congregations, That all such Clergymen as shall hereafter be settled as the ministers of the congregations† ratifying this act shall have the same privileges, and be subject to the same regulations, as the Clergy now subscribing the same.

And it is hereby further determined and declared

* Compare Constitution, VI, VII, and IX.

† Compare *Journal* of 1786, p. 14, and *Journal* of 1790, pp. 24, 25.

by the said Clergy and congregations, That the Convention shall meet on *Monday*, the 22d day of *May*, in the year of our Lord 1786, and forever after on such annual day, and at such other times, and at such places, as shall be fixed by future rules of the Convention.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said Clergy and congregations, That if the Clergy and congregations of any adjoining State or States shall desire to unite with the Church in this State, agreeably to the fundamental principles established at the aforesaid meeting in *New York*, then the Convention shall have power to admit the said Clergy and Deputies from the congregations of such adjoining State or States, to have the same privileges, and be subject to the same regulations as the Clergy and congregations in this State.

Done in Christ Church, in the City of Philadelphia, this 24th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1785.

Witness our hands, in ratification of the premises.*

WILLIAM WHITE, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, and St. Peter's, in Philadelphia.

SAMUEL MAGAW, D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

ROBERT BLACKWELL, Assistant Minister of Christ Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

JOSEPH HUTCHINS, Rector of St. James', Lancaster.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Rector of the Episcopal Churches of York and Huntingdon.

JOSEPH SWIFT, Deputy for Christ Church.

* The signing of those Deputies who were sent to the Convention without written power was deferred until such powers can be procured.

SAMUEL POWELL, GERARDUS CLARKSON, Deputies for St. Peter's Church.

PLUNKETT FLEESON, JOHN WOOD, ANDREW DOZ, Deputies for St. Paul's Church.

EDWARD HAND, Deputy for the congregation of St. James', Lancaster.

NICHOLAS JONES, Deputy for St. Gabriel's, Morlattin, Berks.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Deputy for the congregation of York and Huntingdon.

JOHN CROSBY, JR., JOHN SHAW, Deputies for St. Paul's Church, Chester.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT OF ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen whether under the Act of Association, any alterations can be made in the Book of Common Prayer and the administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, except such as became necessary in consequence of the late Revolution:

It is, therefore, hereby determined and declared, That further alterations may be made by the Convention, constituted by the said Act, provided only that "the main body and essentials" be preserved, and alterations made in such forms only as the Church of *England* hath herself acknowledged to be indifferent and alterable.

And it is hereby further determined and declared, That the power given by this supplement to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, may, by the said Convention, be conveyed to a Convention of the said Church in the United States, or in such States as are willing to unite in a constitution of ecclesiastical government, if the same shall be judged most conducive to charity and uniformity of worship.

Done in *Christ Church*, in the City of *Philadelphia*, this 27th day of *May*, in the year of our Lord 1786.

Witness our hands in ratification of the premises.

CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED IN 1814, AND SINCE AMENDED.

WHEREAS, By an Act of Association, agreed to and adopted in Convention, on the 24th day of May, 1785, sundry of the Protestant Episcopal Churches within this Commonwealth were united under the name of "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania"—which Association embraced all those Clergy and congregations who did at that time, or subsequently, assent to the same:

AND WHEREAS, After that time, in General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches within the United States, a Constitution and Canons were formed for the government and discipline of the same, which recognized each State as constituting a District or Diocese, with a right to the Churches within the same to exercise a local government over themselves; which right has been accordingly exercised by the Protestant Episcopal Churches within the State of Pennsylvania, associated as aforesaid:

AND WHEREAS, By the action of subsequent General Conventions, two new Dioceses have been erected within the State of Pennsylvania, whereby the limits of the parent Diocese have been lessened, and its boundaries made different from the boundaries of the State:

AND WHEREAS, It is now deemed expedient more expressly to set forth the system of local government to be exercised within this Diocese:

The following, with the Act of Association, is declared to be the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania:

ARTICLE I.

1 This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant
2 Episcopal Church of the United States of America,
3 accedes to, recognizes and adopts the General Constitu-
4 tion of that Church, and acknowledges its authority
5 accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

6 There shall be a stated Convention of the Church
7 in this Diocese, at Philadelphia, on the first Tuesday in
8 May, in every year, unless a different time and place be
9 fixed on by a preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

10 The Bishop shall have power to call a special Con-
11 vention when he may judge it conducive to the good of
12 the Church, or when applied to for that purpose by the
13 Standing Committee; and in case of a vacancy in the
14 Episcopal chair, the Standing Committee shall have
15 power to call a special Convention.

ARTICLE IV.*

16 1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergy-
17 men and Laymen. The Bishop and Assistant Bishop,
18 if there be one, shall have a seat and vote in the Con-
19 vention. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever
20 order, being a settled Minister of some Parish within
21 this Diocese, or being a president, professor, tutor, or
22 instructor in some college, academy or seminary of
23 learning, incorporated by law, or being a missionary

* This article was amended in 1824, 1829, 1838, 1854, 1855 and 1873.

under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this 1
Diocese, or a Chaplain in the Navy or Army of the 2
United States, or otherwise employed in the work of the 3
ministry, according to the order of the Protestant Epis- 4
copal Church, and with the sanction of the ecclesiastical 5
authority,* shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the 6
Convention, if he has been actually and personally, as 7
well as canonically, resident within this Diocese for the 8
space of six calendar months next before the meeting 9
of the Convention, and has for the same period been 10
employed in performing the duties of his station: *Pro-* 11
vided, That any temporary absence from the Diocese by 12
reason of sickness, and such absence not exceeding in 13
the whole two calendar months in any one year, and any 14
such absence with the written permission of the Bishop 15
of this Diocese, or of the Standing Committee in case 16
of a vacancy in the Episcopal chair, shall be taken into 17
account in computing the said residence: *And Provided*, 18
also, That no Clergyman of advanced years or infirm 19
health,† who has been once entitled to a seat in Conven- 20
tion, shall lose his right to seat therein, by reason of his 21
having ceased to have charge of a Parish, or to be in the 22
service of a seminary of learning, or to be a missionary 23
as aforesaid. 24

2. No Church shall be admitted a member of the 25
Convention, which does not, by its charter or articles 26
of association, expressly accede to the Constitution, 27
Canons, doctrines, discipline, and worship of the Prot- 28

* See *Journal* of 1895, pp. 29–41 (and Appendix A).

† "*Resolved*, That no Clergyman shall be entitled to a seat in any Convention on the ground of inability to discharge the duties of a Parish on account of impaired health, unless such Clergyman shall, previously to each Convention, have satisfied the ecclesiastical authority of the fact, and the nature and probable continuance of the disease."—*Journal* of 1850, pp. 71, 72.

1 estant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to
2 the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episco-
3 pal Church in this Diocese. Each regularly established
4 Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, now a
5 member, or which shall hereafter be admitted a mem-
6 ber of the Convention, may send to the Convention a
7 Lay Deputy or Deputies, not exceeding three in num-
8 ber, to be elected by the Vestry of said Church: *Pro-*
9 *vided*, That no person shall be competent to serve as
10 Deputy unless he has been a worshiper in the Church
11 he represents, six calendar months next before his elec-
12 tion.* When two or more Churches are united under
13 one Vestry, Deputies may be sent from each Church
14 subject to the proviso aforesaid. The deputation from
15 each Church shall be entitled to one vote, and no more.
16 No deputation from any Church shall be entitled to
17 a vote at the same Convention at which the Church
18 shall be admitted as a member.

19 When any Church which has been admitted a
20 member of the Convention of this Diocese shall for
21 three years, have made no parochial report to the same,
22 no missionary report being made in its behalf and,
23 during the same period, shall neither have employed a
24 Clergyman as its parish minister nor requested of the
25 Bishop to have the services of a missionary, the said
26 Church shall no longer have a right to send a Deputy
27 or Deputies to the Convention; and it shall be the duty
28 of the Convention to declare the same. But any such
29 Church shall again acquire that right, if, on its applica-
30 tion, accompanied with a report of its condition satis-

* "*Resolved*, That the Churches of the Diocese be affectionately and earnestly requested to select their Deputies to the Convention from such of their people as 'come to the Holy Communion.'"—*Journal* of 1863, p. 84.

See also *Journal* of 1893, p. 146, "No person should sit as a Deputy from more than one Church or Congregation," etc.—(Appendix A.)

factory on the points herein mentioned, the Convention shall agree thereto; and this right shall take effect from and after the rising of the Convention so agreeing.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop shall preside in the Convention; but in case of a vacancy or necessary absence, the members shall elect a President from among the Clergy.

ARTICLE VI.*

1. A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention. His duties shall be to take minutes of their proceedings, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. Such other officers also shall be appointed as the Convention may find occasion for, to remain in office for such time as they may direct.

2. All officers and committees appointed by ballot must, in order to their election, receive a majority of the whole number of votes cast at such election by each order;† but the Convention may, in their discretion, from time to time, authorize the election of officers and committees chosen by ballot to be made in such manner as will enable minorities to choose one or more of such officers or members of committees: *Provided*, That there shall be no election, except of Secretary and Assistant Secretary, unless there are present at the time a majority of the Clerical members, and a majority of the lay representations, who shall have appeared during

* Amended in 1829 and 1849.
† Amended in 1883.

the session, and been admitted to seats; and such election, except that of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Convention, shall be held at four o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of the session: *and Provided also*, That if no such majority of the Clerical members and of the lay representations be present at that time, or if said elections be not completed, such elections shall be postponed until ten o'clock of the morning of the next day, when the same shall be proceeded in without regard to the number then present. And in all cases of a failure or omission to elect any officer or annual Committee, the persons then in office, or belonging to the Committee, shall continue in their station until others shall be chosen.

ARTICLE VII.

The Clergy and Lay Deputies in Convention shall deliberate in one body, and shall vote as such except when it is required otherwise by five members. In such a case the Convention shall vote as two distinct orders, and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure; and such Clergymen and Lay Deputies as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention shall be a quorum; and on every question the votes of a majority of those present, or, if required by five, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively shall decide. But to enact any alteration of this Constitution or the Canons passed under it, the quorum shall consist of not less than one-third of the Clergy and Lay representations respectively entitled to seats in Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Standing Committee and Council of Advice shall consist of ten members, five Clerical and five Lay

members. At their first meeting, they shall elect one 1
of their Clerical members to be President, and another 2
of their members to be Secretary. They shall keep 3
regular minutes of their proceedings, subject to the 4
inspection of the Convention. A majority of the mem- 5
bers (the whole having been summoned) shall be a 6
quorum, except for such purposes as, agreeably to their 7
own rules, may require a larger number. They may 8
make rules of meeting and business, and alter or repeal 9
them from time to time. 10

ARTICLE IX.

The election of a Bishop of this Diocese shall be 11
made in Convention in the following manner: The 12
order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint by 13
ballot some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, 14
and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, 15
he shall be declared duly elected. In the above men- 16
tioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each 17
order shall determine a choice: *Provided*, That two- 18
thirds of all the Clergy entitled to votes be present, and 19
two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to votes be 20
represented, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each 21
order shall be necessary to determine a choice. 22

ARTICLE X.

The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as 23
follows: A proposition for amendment shall be intro- 24
duced in writing, and considered in the Convention, and 25
if approved of shall lie over to the next Convention; 26
and if again approved of in the next ensuing Conven- 27
tion, by a majority of the two orders voting thereon 28
separately, the change shall take place, and the Con- 29
stitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory. 30

CANONS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Adopted in 1829 and since Amended.

CANON I.

Of the Evidence of the Residence of Clergymen removing into this Diocese, necessary to entitle them to seats in the Convention.

1 SEC. 1. To qualify a Clergyman coming from
2 another State, District, or Diocese, for a seat in the
3 Convention, it shall be necessary first to obtain from
4 the Bishop a written testimonial of his having been
5 received as a Clergyman of this Diocese. And the
6 Bishop shall be satisfied that such Clergyman has been
7 called to settle in some Parish in this Diocese, or is
8 to be otherwise employed in the work of the ministry,
9 according to the order of the Protestant Episcopal
10 Church, and with the sanction of the Ecclesiastical
11 authority,* and that he has come hither with that pur-
12 pose and expectation; or that he is engaged as a pro-
13 fessor, tutor, or instructor of youth in some college,
14 academy, or other incorporated seminary of learning,
15 or as a missionary, under the Ecclesiastical authority
16 of this Diocese; or that he has been stationed within

* See *Journal* of 1895, pp. 29–41 (and Appendix A).

this Diocese as a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the United States, and in such cases the Bishop shall give the testimonial required.

SEC. 2. This testimonial shall be the evidence of the commencement of the canonical residence and right to a seat in Convention, required by the Constitution as regards Clergymen hereafter coming into this Diocese.

CANON II.

Of the Evidence of Appointment of the Lay Deputies to the Convention.

The appointment of Lay Deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be certified in writing by a warden, or two vestrymen, of the proper Church; and the certificate shall state that the Deputy (or each Deputy named in it, if the certificate be for more than one) is, and has also been, for not less than six months before the time of his election, a worshiper in the Church or Parish he is deputed to represent.* And no other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any Lay Deputy or Deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be allowed or received.† The certificate shall be in duplicate, and one copy forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention, the other given to the Lay Deputies. A copy of this Canon shall be annually sent by the Secretary of the Convention, to every Church in this Diocese, with a notice of the meeting of the Convention.

* "*Resolved*, That the Churches of the Diocese be affectionately and earnestly requested to select their Deputies to the Convention from such of their people as 'come to the Holy Communion.' "—*Journal* of 1863, p. 84.

† "*Resolved*, That * * * no person shall sit as Deputy from more than one Church or congregation," etc.—*Journal* of 1893, p. 146 (Appendix A).

CANON III.

A list to be made of the Ministers in this Diocese.

1 SEC. 1. Within one week before the meeting of
2 every Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop shall pre-
3 pare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the ministers
4 of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resi-
5 dent in this Diocese, annexing the names of their re-
6 spective Cures or Parishes, or of their Stations as Mis-
7 sionaries, or of the Colleges, Academies, or other Semi-
8 naries of Learning, incorporated, in which they are
9 engaged, or in regard to those who are not engaged in
10 Parishes, Missions, or Institutions of Learning, as
11 above, their places of residence only. And such list,
12 corrected as hereinafter mentioned, shall be laid before
13 the Convention on the first day of meeting, and be
14 appended to the *Journal*, and shall be transmitted to
15 the Secretary of every General Convention.

16 SEC. 2. The list of the Clergy* of this Diocese so
17 prepared by the Bishop, and by him amended, accord-
18 ing to the changes that may occur, whether by death,
19 ordination, discipline, or canonical removals from or
20 admissions into this Diocese, shall be evidence of a
21 Clergyman's having a Cure, or Mission, or engagement
22 in some Seminary of General Learning.† And no Cler-
23 gyman, while suspended from the ministry, shall have
24 a place on said list.

25 SEC. 3. The right of any Clergyman of this Dio-
26 cese to a seat in the Convention shall, if disputed, be
27 determined, according to the provisions of the Consti-
28 tution and Canons, by the Convention itself; whether
29 his name be inserted in the list aforesaid or omitted.

* Compare Constitution, Art. IV; *Journal* of 1895, pp. 29–41.

† Compare Canon I, Section 1; Const., Art. IV.

SEC. 4. The Bishop shall take such measures for notifying the admission of Ministers into this Diocese as may prevent unwary and ignorant people from being imposed on by persons pretending to be authorized Ministers of this Church. And his certificate shall be the evidence of such admission.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Clergy to attend regularly at the meeting of every Convention. At the opening of the Convention their names shall be called over and absentees noted.

CANON IV.

*Of the Admission of a Church or Congregation into Union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.**

SEC. 1. To entitle a Church or congregation to admission into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, it shall appear that the Parish has been organized in conformity with the Canon regulating the organization of Parishes: it shall be required that the vestry submit to the Convention the original articles of association; or, if incorporated, their original charter or a copy thereof, duly authenticated according to law; and that it shall appear therein, that such Church or congregation accedes to the Constitution, Canons, doctrines, discipline and worship of the Prot-

* 1. It is recommended that all the Churches in this Diocese should be incorporated according to law, and that in all cases where charters have not been obtained, application be made to the Judges of the proper Court.

2. In order that such charters may conform to the essential principles of the Church, as regards doctrines, discipline and worship, it is further recommended that they shall, before application to the Judges, be laid before the Bishop and Standing Committee for their examination and approbation, and in order to obtain as much uniformity in this behalf as local circumstances will admit, the form of Charter to be found in the Appendix is recommended

estant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese; and it shall appear further, that the said act of association or charter has been submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and by them respectively approved; or if the approbation of either the Bishop or Standing Committee, or both, is withheld, he or they shall report to the Convention, with the articles of association or charter, the reasons of his or their disapprobation.

SEC. 2. The Convention shall refer the whole matter and documents of cases of this kind, to a Committee of three Clerical and three Lay members of the same, to be appointed as soon after the organization of the Convention as conveniently may be, who shall make report thereon to the Convention for its final determination.

CANON V.

Of the Opening of the Convention, etc.

SEC. 1. The Convention shall meet at 10 o'clock A. M. on the day appointed.

SEC. 2. On assembling, there shall be the administration of the Holy Communion and a sermon by one of the Presbyters, to be appointed to this office by the Bishop, which shall give place when the Bishop delivers a sermon or charge.

SEC. 3. A sermon preached at the opening of the Convention shall be at its entire disposal, to be published by its order, but not otherwise. Episcopal charges delivered before the Convention shall be published by the same, without any motion in relation thereto.

SEC. 4. Clergymen belonging to this Diocese, but not entitled to seats in this Convention, Clergymen of other Dioceses of this Church, Clergymen of other Churches in communion with this Church, candidates for Holy Orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church, Wardens of Missions organized under the provisions of Canon IX, and all persons holding any office or trust under this Convention, though not members, shall be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

SEC. 5. The Standing Rules and Orders of the Convention shall be in force in each ensuing Convention until the organization thereof, and until they be amended or repealed by the said Convention; and shall only be changed by a two-thirds vote.

CANON VI.

Of the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Convention, and of the Registrar of the Diocese.

SEC. 1. A Secretary shall be chosen at every Annual Convention, by ballot, after *viva voce* nominations. If but one person is nominated, the balloting shall be dispensed with. The Secretary shall continue in office until the meeting of the next Convention, and until his successor is chosen. He shall attend at the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Convention, shall receive the testimonials of those who shall there attend as Lay Deputies,* and shall record the names of those who present testimonials in the form prescribed by the Canon. The insertion by the Secretary in the list so made by him, of the name of any person who has presented a testimonial of his appointment as a Deputy, shall be *prima facie* evidence

* See Resolutions, May, 1863, May, 1893 (Appendix A).

of the right of such a person to a seat; but as soon as the House is duly organized a Committee on Elections shall be appointed, to whom the testimonials of Lay Deputies shall be referred.

There shall also be appointed by the Convention, in the same manner, an Assistant Secretary. If during the recess of the Convention, a vacancy should occur in the office of Secretary, or Assistant Secretary, the Standing Committee shall by appointment fill the vacancy.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall give not less than one month's written notice of the time (the day and hour) appointed for the meeting of the Convention, to every Clergyman within the Diocese, according to a list, to be furnished by the Bishop, and as far as it is practicable, he shall give a similar notice to the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of every congregation. And such a notice shall be accompanied with the form of the certificate of the appointment of Lay Deputies.

SEC. 3. On the printing of any Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops, he shall transmit the same to the Clergy and to vacant Churches, to be read to the congregation on some occasion of public worship, and also for general perusal by the members of the Church, under such reasonable regulations as expediency may require.

SEC. 4. He shall transmit annually to each of the Bishops, and to the Secretary of every Diocesan Convention, a copy of the *Journal*.

SEC. 5. He shall also transmit to every General Convention a certificate, to be signed by himself, or by the President of the Convention of this Diocese, containing a list of the Clergymen in this Diocese, and

the amount of funds paid or secured to be paid (distinguishing them) to the General Theological Seminary, together with the nomination of Trustees of that Seminary; and also, a like certificate of the appointment of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

SEC. 6. Besides the duties before specified, he shall perform all others usually appertaining to the office of Secretary, or enjoined on him by the Convention.

SEC. 7. The custody of all books and papers not otherwise provided for, belonging to the Convention, shall be intrusted to a Clergyman of the Diocese, to be called the Registrar of the Diocese of Pennsylvania; the said officer to be elected annually by the Convention, and to report annually to that body. In case of a vacancy by death or resignation, an acting Registrar shall be appointed by the Standing Committee to serve until the meeting of the Convention.

CANON VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

SEC. 1. At every stated Convention, a Standing Committee, to consist of five of the Clergy and five of the Laity, shall be chosen by ballot, by the concurrent vote of the members of each order: *Provided*, That the balloting may be dispensed with in cases where only five Clergymen and five Laymen are nominated. And vacancies occurring by death or otherwise, in said Committee, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining Clerical members and Lay members of the Committee.

SEC. 2. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop,

as regards discipline, except the pronouncing sentence of deposition or degradation from the Ministry, shall belong to and be performed by the Standing Committee. In case of such vacancy, the Standing Committee shall also have power to act in the granting of testimonials to Clergymen removing into this Diocese, agreeably to the Canons.

SEC. 3. The record of all the proceedings on a presentment of a Clergyman shall be preserved by the Standing Committee, and for that purpose shall, after a final decision, be delivered to their Secretary.

SEC. 4. The Standing Committee shall, before the meeting of each Annual Convention, prepare a report to be submitted thereto, of every Church, a member of this Convention, which for three years has made no parochial report to the same, no Missionary report being made in its behalf, and which, during the same period, has neither employed a Clergyman as its Parish Minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a Missionary.

CANON VIII.

Of Diocesan Missions.

SECTION 1. For its Missionary work the Diocese shall be divided into *Eight Districts*, to be called Convocations, as follows, viz.:

I. *The Convocation of Chester.*—Including that part of the Diocese west of the Schuylkill and outside of the city of Philadelphia except Upper Merion township of Montgomery county, and excepting the river townships and boroughs of Chester county and also the Burd Orphan Asylum, Cardington, and the boroughs of Colwyn and Darby. The Convocation of Chester to include also that part of West Philadelphia lying north and west of Christ Church Hospital and Fairmount Park.

II. *The Convocation of West Philadelphia.*—Including that portion of the city of Philadelphia west of the Schuylkill, also the Burd Orphan Asylum, Cardington, the boroughs of Colwyn and Darby, except that part of West Philadelphia lying north and west of Christ Church Hospital and Fairmount Park.

III. *The Convocation of Norristown.*—Including all of Montgomery county, except Lower Merion township, and including also the townships of North Coventry, East Coventry, East Vincent, East Pikeland and Schuylkill, and the boroughs of Phœnixville and Spring City in the county of Chester.

IV. *The Convocation of Germantown.*—Including Bucks county and that portion of Philadelphia county lying east of the Richmond branch of the P. & R. R. R., except that portion lying between Thirty-third street and School lane.

V. *The Northeast Convocation of Philadelphia.*—Including that portion of the city between Walnut street and the Richmond branch of the P. & R. R. R., and between Broad street and the Delaware.

VI.—*The Northwest Convocation of Philadelphia.*—Including that portion of the city between Walnut street and the Richmond branch of the P. & R. R. R., and between Broad street and the Schuylkill, including also that portion lying between Thirty-third street and School lane.

VII. *The Southeast Convocation of Philadelphia.*—Including that portion of the city east of Broad street and south of Walnut street.

VIII. *The Southwest Convocation of Philadelphia.*—Including that portion of the city west of Broad street, east of the Schuylkill river and south of Walnut street.

SEC. 2. The Bishop, with the concurrence of the Board of Missions, may appoint a Presbyter to be Archdeacon of the Diocese, to serve until the consecration of a new Bishop; and when such appointment shall be made all Missionary work in the Diocese shall be under the direction of such Archdeacon, subject to the supervision and control of the Bishop. No one shall be appointed Archdeacon who has not been a Presbyter for at least seven years, and held a parochial charge in this Diocese for at least two years: *Provided, however*, That the Board of Missions may dis-

pense with these requirements. The Archdeacon shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Missions, of each Convocation, and of all Boards and Committees organized by authority of the Convention of the Diocese for special Missionary work; and in the absence of the Bishop he shall preside at the meetings of all Convocations, of the Board of Missions, and all other Boards and Committees above mentioned. During his continuance in office he shall not hold any parochial charge. The Archdeacon may be removed at any time by the Bishop for cause satisfactory to himself. The salary of the Archdeacon shall be fixed by standing resolution of the Convention passed prior to his appointment, and shall not be reduced during his term of office; the salary shall be paid out of the Missionary fund.

SEC. 3. Each Convocation shall be composed of the Clergy resident within its limits who are entitled to a vote in the Convention, together with the Lay Deputies to the Diocesan Convention for the time being, and one Lay Deputy from each Chapel (not represented in the Convention) and having more than fifty regular communicants, to be appointed by the Minister of said Chapel from among such communicants, and of the Warden of each Mission organized under the provisions of Canon IX. In the event of the death or resignation of any Lay Deputy or Deputies to the Convention, or of their inability to attend any meeting of the Convocation, a Substitute Delegate or Delegates from among the qualified voters of the Parish to the meeting of the Convocation in question may be appointed by the Rector with the concurrence of the remaining Deputy or Deputies, the appointment to be duly certified by the Rector to the Secretary of the Convocation.

For the purposes of this Canon Clergymen shall be 1
considered to be resident in that Convocation where 2
their work is located. 3

The Presiding Officer, who shall always be a Cler- 4
gyman and whose term of office shall be four years, 5
shall be appointed by the Bishop, after nomination at 6
a regular meeting of the Convocation: *Provided*, The 7
same be approved by the Bishop. 8

The Presiding Officers so appointed, together with 9
a Lay delegate to be chosen by each Convocation, shall 10
be the *Diocesan Board of Missions*, of which Board the 11
Bishop, and in his absence the Bishop Coadjutor (if 12
there be one), shall be *ex officio* the head. 13

Each Convocation shall, at its first stated meeting 14
after the Diocesan Convention, annually elect by ballot 15
a Secretary and a Treasurer, from among its own mem- 16
bers, who shall hold office until their successors are 17
elected. 18

When the office of Archdeacon shall be vacant, it 19
shall be the duty of the presiding officer to take the 20
general oversight of the Missionary work in his Con- 21
vocation, and to confer respecting its plans and details 22
with the Bishop. He shall preside at all meetings of 23
the Convocation, if neither the Bishop nor the Arch- 24
deacon be present. 25

Each Convocation shall annually present a report 26
of the condition and progress of the Missionary work 27
within its limits to the Board of Missions with such 28
details as the Board may require at its regular meeting 29
immediately before the Diocesan Convention. 30

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive 31
contributions from the Parishes and to forward the 32
same to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, and 33
to keep and account for the money of the Convocation, 34

paying out any such sums as he shall be authorized to pay by a regular meeting.

SEC. 4. Each Convocation shall, under the advice of the Archdeacon, conduct the Missionary work within its own limits; shall have control and distribution of the money allotted to it by the Board of Missions, in aid of Mission Stations and feeble Parishes; shall apportion among its several Parishes and Missions the sums from time to time desired of it by said Board; and may, at its discretion, with the approval of the Bishop, undertake special Missionary work and raise funds for such purposes: *Provided*, It shall first have complied with the requirements of the Board of Missions.

SEC. 5. Each Convocation, acting with the approval of the Bishop, may assign to each Parish or Mission within its bounds a definite portion of territory for Missionary and charitable work; and each Parish and Mission shall then be deemed responsible for such work within its proper territory. The same portion of territory may be assigned to two or more Parishes or Missions in common: *Provided*, That no portion of territory shall be assigned to any organized Parish without the assent of its Rector: *And provided further*, That no Parish shall be separated from any of its Missions as now established.

Each Convocation, acting with the approval of the Bishop, shall have power to modify the lines established under this section whenever, owing to the formation of a new Parish or from other cause, modification may be required.

Any two or more adjoining Parishes in different Convocations shall have power to modify the lines between them established by this Canon: *Provided*,

That such modification shall have the approval of all the Parishes whose territory is concerned: *And provided, also,* That such change be approved by the Bishop; such change shall be certified by the Secretaries of the Convocations to the Secretary of the Convention.

Territory not assigned to any particular Parish or Mission shall be under the charge of the Convocation wherein it is situate.

Nothing in this section, nor in any action that may be taken thereunder, shall be so construed as to prevent any Clergyman from officiating in any way not forbidden by the Canons of the General Convention or of this Diocese.

SEC. 6. Each Convocation shall hold stated meetings for the transaction of its business, and no apportionments or appropriations shall be made except at those meetings.

It shall be the duty of each Clergyman, unless prevented by grave and reasonable cause, to attend the regular meetings, and to report all Missionary work done in his cure.

SEC. 7. The Board of Missions shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the Diocesan Convention, at which meeting they shall designate the amount desired from each Convocation, basing the amount so desired, approximately, upon the current expenses of the Parishes within each Convocation, as contained in the last published Journal of Convention. The said current expenses are hereby defined to be such as are set forth in Canon X, Section 2, Sub-section i.

The Board of Missions shall also allot the amount to be expended within each Convocation for Missionary

purposes during the ensuing year, and shall forthwith notify the Secretaries of Convocations of their action under this section.

SEC. 8. No Mission Station shall be established except with the approval of the Bishop. No organized Parish shall be adopted as a Mission Station unless its Vestry file with the Bishop a written application to that end, in which said Vestry shall waive for the time being its right to elect a Rector, and shall request the Bishop to appoint its Minister for at least one year, and for so long a time as an appropriation to aid in support of its Minister be asked for.

All Missionaries shall be appointed by the Bishop, who may at any time recall the appointment and remove them. No Rector of an organized Parish shall be appointed a Missionary, except it be for special work assigned to him by the Bishop or by the Convocation: *Provided*, That this shall not apply to Rectors now in charge of Parishes adopted as Mission Stations in accordance with this Canon. No Convocation shall make an appropriation to a Clergyman unless he hold the Bishop's appointment as a Missionary: *Provided, however*, That appropriations may be made for special and occasional services.

SEC. 9. Every Missionary in Priest's orders, appointed under this Canon to the charge of a Parish or Parishes, or to any other Mission work, whose entire time is required to be devoted to the duties of his appointment, and who is not Rector of a Parish, shall be paid a salary of at least $800 a year if provided with a parsonage, or at least $1000 a year if not provided with a parsonage; this sum to include salary received from Convocation and salary received from parishioners: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall

be taken as prohibiting any Convocation from making special appropriations of such amount as it may deem proper to other Clergymen, and also in aid of feeble Parishes.

SEC. 10. The fiscal year of the Board of Missions shall close on the twentieth day of April.

SEC. 11. The Board of Missions shall annually report to the Convention.

CANON IX.

Of the Organization of Missions.

SEC. 1. The residents of any town, village, or neighborhood who may desire the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church to be established among them, having conformed, wherever necessary, with the provisions of Canon XVIII, of the *Establishment of New Places of Public Worship* may give notice of their desire through the proper Convocation to the Bishop of the Diocese, who may take such action as he may deem proper.

SEC. 2, i. Such application shall be in the following form:

"*To the Right Rev.* , *Bishop of Pennsylvania:*

"We, the undersigned residents of the town of , county of , Diocese of Pennsylvania, being desirous of obtaining the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church, do hereby request you to provide them for us as you think fit. For which benefits we do hereby agree to put ourselves under your charge, promising conformity to the Constitution, Canons, doctrine, discipline, and worship of said Church, to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and to the rules regulating Missionary stations in the Diocese. And in accordance with these rules we are now desirous to be organized as a Mission under the name of Mission, . Furthermore, we hereby agree to pay to the Treasurer of the Convocation, in four equal quarterly installments, the sum of , at least for the first year.

"Respectfully,

"Your obedient servants,

1 This application should be signed by all the adults
2 who propose to be members of the Mission, and shall be
3 accompanied by a report of the Convocation, giving
4 such information upon the subject as they may be able
5 to obtain, together with their judgment upon the matter.
6 ii. The title to real estate given to or purchased
7 by the Mission for Church purposes shall be vested in
8 the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in
9 the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to be held by them upon
10 such trusts as are declared until such time as the Mis-
11 sion shall become duly incorporated as a Church and
12 admitted into union with the Convention, at which
13 time the title shall be transferred to the Church corpo-
14 ration if it shall so elect.
15 iii. Upon the failure of the Mission to fulfill its
16 stipulations, the Bishop may withdraw the Missionary
17 and dissolve the organization.

18 SEC. 3, i. If the Bishop consent to the organiza-
19 tion of a Mission, he shall appoint the Missionary, who,
20 subject to the approval of the Bishop and the President
21 of the proper Convocation, shall appoint annually the
22 following officers: a Warden, a Treasurer, and a Clerk;
23 or if it be deemed expedient by the Bishop, a Warden
24 and a Treasurer only. When the revenue, exclusive of
25 all appropriations from outside sources, shall amount to
26 more than $500 per annum, said officers shall be elected
27 annually upon Easter Monday by the registered con-
28 tributors to the support of the Mission of full age who
29 shall have been contributors for one year prior to the
30 election, and are worshipers therein.
31 ii. It shall be the duty of the Warden, subject to
32 the approval of the Missionary, to provide a place of
33 public worship; to see that the same be kept clean and

in good repair, and that it be provided with all things 1
necessary for conducting the services of the Church 2
decently and in order. 3

iii. The Warden shall be entitled to a seat and 4
vote in the Convocation wherein the Mission is located. 5

iv. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect 6
and receive all moneys contributed by the Mission, and 7
to remit or disburse them in accordance with the rules 8
of the Convocation. His accounts shall be audited 9
annually under direction of the Convocation. 10

v. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, or, if no Clerk 11
be appointed, of the Treasurer, to keep a record of 12
events of importance to the Mission, and a list of its 13
families and members, and in case the Missionary be 14
non-resident, to have the custody of the Register of 15
Baptisms, Confirmations, etc., but not to make entries 16
therein except by the Missionary's request, and to attend 17
to any correspondence required by or for the Mission. 18

vi. The Missionary shall appoint the Sexton, 19
Organist, Choir-leader, Sunday-school Superintendent, 20
and any other helper he may find necessary; but if 21
there be no Missionary the right of such appointment 22
shall rest with the officers previously named. 23

SEC. 4. Every person becoming a member of such 24
organized Mission, and willing to aid in its support, is 25
expected to name a certain sum which he will pay at 26
stated times to the Treasurer. 27

SEC. 5. Missions thus organized shall report to 28
the stated meetings of the Convocation through their 29
Missionaries, or if there be none in charge, through 30
their Wardens. 31

CANON X.

Of the Treasurer, and Funds, of the Diocese.

1 SEC. 1. At every annual meeting of the Conven-
2 tion there shall be chosen a Treasurer of the Diocese,
3 who shall remain in office until the election of his suc-
4 cessor, and who shall be the Treasurer of the Episcopal
5 and Convention funds. His accounts shall be closed
6 on the first of May, examined by the Standing Com-
7 mittee, and reported to the Convention. A vacancy
8 in the office occurring during the recess of the Conven-
9 tion shall be filled by the Standing Committee.

10 SEC. 2. Episcopal Fund.

11 i. Each Church in union with this Convention
12 shall pay to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, on or
13 before the thirty-first day of December in every year,
14 towards the maintenance of the Episcopate in this Dio-
15 cese, a sum to be fixed by a committee, which com-
16 mittee shall consist of the President of the Standing
17 Committee of the Diocese, the Secretary of the Conven-
18 tion, and the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, the sum
19 not to exceed four per cent of the current expenses of
20 each Parish or congregation (namely, for salaries of
21 Ministers, including use of rectory, if any, for music and
22 bell-ringing, for fuel and lighting, for care of church
23 buildings and grounds and for ordinary repairs of the
24 same). And every Church or Chapel not in union with
25 the Convention, shall pay a similar percentage upon its
26 current expenses exceeding the sum of $1000, estimated
27 upon the same basis.

28 The income of the Episcopal Fund shall be exclu-
29 sively appropriated to the use of the Bishop, who shall
30 have the City of Philadelphia within his Diocese.

ii. At any stated meeting of the Convention there may be elected four "Trustees of the Episcopal Fund," who shall have the care and investment of all funds for the support of the Episcopate, which have, or may, become the property of the Diocese, subject to such trusts as may be declared by the settlers or donors of the same. They shall pay the net income arising from said funds to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, shall make an annual report to the Convention, may be removed at any meeting thereof, and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

SEC. 3. Convention Fund.

The Treasurer of the Diocese and the Secretary of the Convention shall assess on the several Parishes in the Diocese (on the same basis as is above adopted for the Episcopal Fund), sums sufficient in the aggregate to pay all the contingent expenses of the Convention, including the mileage of Clergymen attending the same. On or before the first day of December in every year, they shall make an estimate of the expenses aforesaid, and, after assessing on each Parish its proportion, shall advise the proper officers thereof, accordingly. Whereupon it shall be the duty of the officers of said Churches to transmit the amount assessed to the Treasurer of the Diocese without delay. In case the payment is not made before the adjournment of the following Convention, five per cent shall be added to the assessment, and the delinquent Parishes shall be published in the *Journal* of the Convention.

SEC. 4. Christmas Fund for Disabled Clergymen.

i. The Christmas Fund shall consist of the avails of collections made in the Churches of the Diocese on Christmas Day, and sums of money otherwise contrib-

uted. It shall be managed by a Committee of five Laymen, who shall be appointed annually by the Convention, of which Committee the Treasurer of the Fund shall be one. They shall have power and authority to receive and hold all moneys or other property contributed to the Fund, either by bequest or otherwise, and to appropriate the same from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Canon; and any surplus of funds which may remain in their hands shall be invested by them in safe and productive securities, to be realized from when, in the judgment of the Committee, the funds are needed to meet the appropriations made or to be made.

ii. All appropriations from this Fund shall be made by the Committee, first, to Clergymen who shall be entitled to seats in the Convention of this Diocese, and shall at the time of the application be disabled by age or infirmity from performing the duties of their office; and, second, to the widows and orphans of Clergymen who at the time of their death were entitled to seats in the Convention. No appropriation to any beneficiary shall exceed $500 per annum.

iii. Every Clergyman in full orders and in good standing, who has been entitled to a seat and vote in the Diocesan Convention for at least five years next preceding, and who is disabled through age or infirmity from performing the duties of his office, shall be entitled to receive a stipend from this Fund at the rate of at least $400 per annum, payable quarterly; and every such Clergyman who is partially disabled, and occasionally employed, shall be entitled to receive a stipend from said Fund, at the rate of at least $250 per annum, payable quarterly.

iv. Immediately after the adjournment of every annual Diocesan Convention, the Bishop shall certify to the Committee the names of all Clergymen entitled to stipends under the provision of Clause iii, and thereafter shall certify the names of all Clergymen becoming so entitled from time to time, and the stipends due to such Clergymen shall thereupon be paid as hereinbefore provided.

v. The Committee shall annually estimate the amount needed for the payments provided for in this Section. They may apportion the sum among the Parishes of the Diocese on the same basis as the assessment for the Episcopal Fund, and prior to the second Sunday in Advent notify each Parish of the amount desired from it.

vi. If from any cause the Convention shall fail to appoint the Committee, then the old Committee shall hold over until a new one is regularly appointed. If during the year two or more of the Committee die or resign, the Standing Committee shall, upon being notified of the vacancies, appoint suitable persons to fill them.

vii. The Convention shall, at every annual meeting, appoint a Treasurer of the Christmas Fund.

SEC. 5. Fund for Sons of Clergymen.

Trustees shall be appointed by the Convention to receive any moneys which may be given, either for a permanent fund or for immediate distribution, to the education of the sons of the Clergy of this Diocese; the distribution to be made under the direction of the Bishop, who shall have the designation of the incumbents of all scholarships which may be created; except in the case of annual contributors to the Fund of not less than two hundred dollars, who shall have the right

to nominate the incumbents to the scholarships created by them, during the continuance of their contributions.

SEC. 6. Drafts on the Convention and Episcopal Funds.

i. The Bishop and Standing Committee, or, in the absence of the Bishop, the Standing Committee alone, shall have authority to draw on the Treasurer of the Diocese and on the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, or either of them, for all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in the administration of the Diocese, properly chargeable to the said accounts respectively, in all cases not provided for by the Convention, reporting all such disbursements to the next Convention.

ii. No appropriation shall be made from the Convention Fund or the Episcopal Fund for any other purpose than to meet the expenses of the Diocese or the Convention or the support of the Episcopate.

CANON XI.

Of Vacant Parishes.

SEC. 1. When a Parish becomes vacant, it shall be the duty of the Vestry to give notice thereof to the Bishop, or, if there is no Bishop, to the President of the Standing Committee forthwith.

SEC. 2. Every such vacant Parish shall be and remain under the special supervision of the Bishop until a Rector is duly chosen and installed. During such vacancy it shall be the duty of the Vestry of such Parish to make provision for duly maintaining Divine Worship in the Church, and for the pastoral care of the Parish. And if in any such case the Vestry fail so to do, the Bishop may in his discretion appoint a Clergyman to be Minister-in-charge of said Parish until a

Rector shall be duly elected and installed, such Minis- 1
ter-in-charge to be subject to the direction and control 2
of the Bishop, and to be removable by him at pleasure. 3

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Vestry of such 4
Parish to make due provision out of the revenues of the 5
Parish for the salary of the Minister-in-charge and for 6
the maintenance of Divine Worship in the Church. 7

CANON XII.

Of the Celebration of Marriage.

No Minister of this Church shall celebrate any 8
marriage without being satisfied that it is not forbidden 9
by the law of God, or of the Commonwealth of Pennsyl- 10
vania, or by the Canons of the Church. And if both or 11
either of the parties be minors, it shall be necessary that 12
the consent of the parents, guardians, master, or mis- 13
tress (as the case may require), be first obtained, unless 14
they live out of the United States, and that fact be 15
known or proved to the Minister; and that such con- 16
sent be certified to him by some credible person or 17
persons acquainted with them and the minor, or be 18
otherwise sufficiently proved or known to him. Where- 19
upon the Minister not knowing or having reason to 20
believe that there is any lawful impediment, may, and 21
if either of the parties be of his congregation, it shall be 22
his duty to join them in marriage. The certificate 23
aforesaid shall be in writing if he requires it. 24

CANON XIII.

Of Parochial Instruction.

Every Minister of a Parish shall encourage the 25
formation of Sunday Schools, and the efficient prose- 26

1 cution of instruction in them, in conformity with the
2 principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church. And
3 he shall report the number of scholars and teachers in
4 his annual Parochial Report.

CANON XIV.

Of Parochial Registers and Reports.

5 SEC. 1. Each Clergyman shall keep an account of
6 all the baptisms, marriages and burials solemnized by
7 him in the discharge of his ministry, specifying the
8 name and date of the birth of the child baptized, with
9 the names of the parents and sponsors, the name of the
10 adult baptized, the names of the parties married, and
11 the name of the person buried; and, also, the time when
12 and place where each rite was performed. He shall
13 keep, also, a list of the persons Confirmed from time
14 to time in his Parish by the Bishop.

15 SEC. 2.* And the Minister of each Parish shall
16 keep a list of the Communicants within his cure. He
17 shall enter on the list the names of all persons con-
18 firmed in his Parish who have received the Holy Com-
19 munion, or who have been received by letters of trans-
20 fer from other Parishes, or who, being regular Commu-
21 nicants in his Parish, he finds after diligent inquiry are
22 not registered anywhere else. And he shall from time
23 to time, and at least annually before the meeting of the
24 Diocesan Convention, remove from such list the names
25 of all persons who have died, or received Holy Orders,
26 or taken letters of transfer to other Parishes, or been
27 excommunicated or suspended, or who have formally
28 renounced the Communion of the Church, or who in the

* That Section 2 (1898, p. 163) be printed as a foot-note on the forms for the Annual Parochial Reports sent to the Clergy.

judgment of the Minister have permanently ceased to be Communicants of the same; or who, having removed from his Parish without notice, after reasonable time and due effort, cannot be traced.

SEC. 3. These entries shall, by the Minister, or if so ordered by the Vestry, by the Clerk or Registrar of the Church, under the direction of the Minister, be recorded in a suitable book to be provided by the Vestry, which shall be the Church Register, and shall belong to and remain with the Vestry, as a part of the Church Records.

SEC. 4. No one shall be registered as a Communicant in more than one Parish at a time. And any one connected with, or attending, two or more Churches, shall elect the one in which he wishes to be Registered and shall so notify the Minister thereof.

And whenever in accordance with Title II, Canon 12, Section 1, of the Digest of Canons, a Communicant of the Church in good and regular standing in any Parish removing to another, shall ask of the Rector of any Parish in this Diocese from which said Communicant removes, or, in the absence of such Rector, of one of the Wardens, a certificate of transfer, it shall be the duty of such Rector or Warden, within one month of date of request, to furnish such certificate, or assign the reasons for refusal, which shall be subject to the approval of the Bishop.

SEC. 5.* Every Minister of a Parish or Parishes in this Diocese, or in case of a vacancy, the Churchwardens thereof, shall present or forward, at each Annual Convention, to the Bishop, or if there be no

* Minister to report, also, the property of the Parish, and its indebtedness, his salary and arrears. *Journal* of 1849, p. 51. See also *Digest of General Canons*, Title I, Canon 20, Sec. 1.

Bishop, to the Secretary of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, burials and persons Confirmed in his Parish or Parishes, severally, since the last like report; and, also, of the number of Communicants, distinguishing the additions, removals and deaths since the last report; also, he, together with the Churchwardens, shall at the same time present a financial statement of the Parish, showing its receipts and expenditures, with the value of its property and its indebtedness, and shall add a statement of all other matters of fact that may throw light on the state of his Parish or Parishes.

And should such statements in any case be found defective they shall be returned for correction.

CANON XV.

Of Deputies to the General Convention.

SEC. 1. At every stated Convention of this Diocese there *may*, and at the stated Convention immediately preceding the stated General Convention there *shall* be chosen, by the concurrent ballot of the Clerical and Lay votes, Deputies to the General Convention, whose appointment shall continue until the next stated Convention, and until others are chosen in their places: *Provided*, That the balloting may be dispensed with, in cases where only four Clergymen and four Laymen are nominated.

SEC. 2. Should a vacancy occur by death or otherwise, in the deputation to the General Convention, it shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the remaining Clerical and Lay Deputies.

SEC. 3. Deputies to the General Convention may present an account of their expenses in their

travel and attendance to the Standing Committee, 1
who shall make a reasonable allowance for the same, 2
to be paid out of the Convention Fund. 3

CANON XVI.

*Of a Tabular Report.**

SEC. 1. The Bishop and Standing Committee, 4
or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee only 5
shall prepare a condensed report and tabular view of 6
the State of the Church in this Diocese, previously to 7
the meeting of every General Convention, for the pur- 8
pose of aiding the Committee on the State of the 9
Church, appointed by the House of Clerical and Lay 10
Deputies, in drafting their report. 11

SEC. 2. The tabular view aforesaid shall be 12
appended to the *Journal* of the Annual Diocesan 13
Convention, next previous to the General Convention, 14
for the use of which it shall have been made. 15

CANON XVII.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman, not being a Bishop.

SEC. 1. At the meeting of the Convention at 16
which this Canon shall be adopted† and septennially 17
thereafter the Bishop shall nominate to the Conven- 18
tion from the communicant members of the Church 19
learned in the law and residents of this Diocese three 20
persons, from which number the Convention shall by 21
ballot elect one, who shall be the Chancellor. He shall 22
hold office for the term of seven years, unless he shall 23

* *Journal* of 1856, p. 55, making it the duty of the Secretary of the Convention. Compare *Digest of Canons*, Title I, Canon xx, Sec. 5.

† Adopted 1890.

1 resign or be removed therefrom by the Bishop, acting
2 by and with the advice and consent of the Convention,
3 or by the Convention acting by and with the advice and
4 consent of the Bishop. It shall be the duty of the
5 Chancellor during his incumbency in office to preside
6 as a judge at all ecclesiastical trials in the Diocese, and
7 as such judge to decide all questions of law that may
8 arise at any such trial as to the admissibility of evi-
9 dence, and after the evidence shall have been closed
10 and the arguments of counsel made, to charge the
11 triers as to the law and the facts of the case. The
12 Chancellor shall, within a reasonable time after his
13 appointment to office, and from time to time there-
14 after, prescribe rules of pleading and practice under
15 this Canon, subject to approval by the Bishop, and the
16 Bishop shall cause a copy of the rules so approved to
17 be printed as an Appendix to this Canon. *Provided,*
18 *however*, That should the Chancellor be interested in
19 any trial in such manner as should render him liable to
20 a challenge for cause, if summoned as a trier, the Bishop
21 shall appoint a Chancellor *pro tempore* to conduct such
22 trial.

23 SEC. 2. The Convention shall annually elect
24 from among its Laymen learned in the law a Church
25 Advocate, who shall hold office until his successor shall
26 be elected. If the Church Advocate shall die or resign
27 at a time when the Convention shall not be in session,
28 the Standing Committee shall appoint from the Lay-
29 men of the Diocese learned in the law a Church Advo-
30 cate, to hold office until the next meeting of the Con-
31 vention. It shall be the duty of the Church Advocate
32 during his incumbency in office to act as the official
33 prosecutor in all ecclesiastical trials under this Canon.
34 And he shall conduct to a conclusion any trial in which

he may be actually engaged at the time of the expiration of his term of office.

SEC. 3. The Convention shall at the meeting at which this Canon shall be adopted and biennially thereafter, elect from among the Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese and more than ten years in holy orders, ten Presbyters, no one of whom shall be a member of the Standing Committee, from whom shall be selected the triers, who shall be judges of the law and the facts for the trial of a Clergyman. If at any time or from any cause there shall be one or more vacancies in the said body of triers at a time when the Convention shall not be in session, the Standing Committee shall fill such vacancy or vacancies by an appointment or appointments to expire after the next meeting of the Convention.

SEC. 4. If two Clergymen and a Communicant Lay member of the Church shall cause to be presented to the Bishop a statement in writing, charging any Clergyman canonically resident in the Diocese with a violation of any law of the Church, the Bishop shall then consider the said statement and charge, and determine in the exercise of his Episcopal discretion whether the prosecution shall then end or be carried further. If he shall determine that the prosecution shall then end, he shall endorse upon the statement his declaration to that effect, and cause the statement so endorsed to be filed in the Archives of the Diocese. If he shall determine that the prosecution shall be carried further, he shall then cause a copy of the statement to be delivered to the Church Advocate.

SEC. 5. The Church Advocate shall forthwith draw a presentment in writing, charging the accused

1 Clergyman, hereinafter called the Respondent, with
2 the offence set forth in the statement, and stating par-
3 ticularly the law or laws of the Church alleged to have
4 been violated, and the act or acts of commission or
5 omission alleged to constitute such violation of the law
6 or laws of the Church.

7 SEC. 6. The Church Advocate shall then cause a
8 copy of the presentment to be served upon the Respon-
9 dent, either personally or by leaving a copy with an
10 adult member of the family at his residence, together
11 with a monition, requiring the Respondent to appear in
12 person before the Chancellor at such a place as may be
13 fixed by him on a day and at an hour named in the
14 monition, which shall be not less than thirty nor more
15 than sixty days from the date of service. If the Church
16 Advocate shall show to the satisfaction of the Chan-
17 cellor that, by reason of the absence of the Respondent
18 from the Diocese, a service cannot be effected, the
19 Chancellor may then order that service be made by
20 leaving the monition and a copy of the presentment at
21 the Respondent's last place of abode within the United
22 States, thirty days before the day of appearance named
23 therein, and mailing copies thereof to his last known
24 residence.

25 SEC. 7. If the Respondent shall not appear in
26 person or by counsel before the Chancellor at the day
27 and hour named in the monition, and shall not, within
28 ten days after such day, show to the Chancellor suffi-
29 cient reason for such failure to appear, the Chancellor
30 shall direct the trial to proceed *ex parte*, and if the facts
31 alleged in the presentment shall be established by evi-
32 dence, and be so found by the court, it shall then certify
33 to the Bishop that the Respondent having been duly
34 served with process, has failed to appear, and its finding

of the facts, and the Bishop shall then pronounce such 1
sentence as the facts proven warrant, and direct that 2
notice of such sentence be given to the Respondent, if 3
he can be found; but if within three calendar months 4
the Respondent shall appear and file with the Chancellor 5
a demurrer, plea, or answer in accordance with Section 6
8 of this Canon, the Bishop may, in his discretion, 7
vacate the sentence and direct the trial to proceed. 8

SEC. 8. At the day and hour named in the moni- 9
tion the Respondent, attended, if he so pleases, by 10
counsel learned in the law who shall be communicant 11
members of the Church, shall appear in person before 12
the Chancellor, and he shall forthwith file a demurrer, 13
or a plea of "guilty," or a plea of "not guilty," or an 14
answer in writing specifically setting forth his defences, 15
in fact and in law, to the charges in the presentment 16
contained; but the Chancellor may, in his discretion, 17
allow to the Respondent further time in which to plead 18
or answer. If the Respondent shall by his plea or 19
answer confess his guilt and submit himself to the Godly 20
judgment of the Bishop, the Chancellor shall so certify 21
to the Bishop, and the Bishop shall, in his discretion, 22
forthwith impose sentence. 23

SEC. 9. If the Respondent shall demur to the 24
presentment, the argument of such demurrer shall be 25
had before the Chancellor at such time and place as 26
may be fixed by him. If the demurrer shall be over- 27
ruled by the Chancellor, the Respondent shall forth- 28
with plead or answer as aforesaid. If the Chancellor 29
shall sustain the demurrer, the Church Advocate may 30
forthwith appeal to the Bishop, who shall hear argu- 31
ment upon such appeal at such time and place as he 32
may fix. If the Bishop sustains the decision of the 33
Chancellor, he shall then cause judgment in favor of 34

1 the Respondent to be entered by the Chancellor. If
2 he shall reverse the decision of the Chancellor on the
3 demurrer, he shall so certify to the Chancellor, and the
4 Respondent shall forthwith plead or answer as aforesaid.

5 SEC. 10. The presentment may at any stage of
6 the proceedings be amended in any matter of form not
7 changing it in any matter of substance. The demurrer,
8 plea, or answer may be amended in form or substance
9 at any time.

10 SEC. 11. After the filing of a plea or answer by
11 the Respondent, the Chancellor shall appoint a time
12 and place at which the Church Advocate, the Respon-
13 dent, and his counsel may be present, when and where
14 the Chancellor shall proceed to draw by lot five of the
15 Triers so as aforesaid elected. The Church Advocate
16 and the Respondent may then challenge for cause any
17 of the triers so drawn, and the Chancellor shall pass
18 upon the sufficiency of such challenges. The Church
19 Advocate and the Respondent shall also be allowed
20 each to make three peremptory challenges during the
21 selection of the triers. If the number of triers is re-
22 duced to less than five, the Chancellor shall then draw
23 by lot from the remaining triers, elected as aforesaid,
24 enough to increase the number to five, and those so
25 drawn shall be subject to challenge as aforesaid; and
26 so on until the names shall be exhausted. If five triers
27 shall not then remain unchallenged, the Chancellor shall
28 certify the fact to the Standing Committee, who shall
29 then select from among the Clergy, canonically resident
30 in the Diocese, and more than ten years in holy orders,
31 ten additional triers, from whom enough shall be drawn
32 by the Chancellor to increase the number drawn to five,
33 subject to the right of challenge as aforesaid. In case
34 the requisite number is not obtained from the triers so

elected, the Chancellor shall certify the fact to the Standing Committee, and the same proceedings shall be taken until the number unchallenged reaches five. The Chancellor shall then designate the time and place for trial and shall cause at least ten days' notice, in writing, to be given to the Bishop, the Church Advocate, to the five triers selected, and to the Respondent, and the Chancellor shall certify to the Bishop the names of the triers so selected.

SEC. 12. The Bishop shall then select three triers from among the five or more triers remaining as aforesaid. If any one or more of the said three triers so selected by the Bishop shall be prevented by any cause from serving as a trier at the trial, the Chancellor shall appoint in the place of the trier or triers so prevented from serving as aforesaid any one or more of the triers certified by him to the Bishop as aforesaid.

SEC. 13. The Court being constituted of the Chancellor and the three triers selected as aforesaid, the trial shall forthwith proceed with such hours of session and such adjournments and such rules of practice as may be ordered by the Chancellor. The trial shall be conducted according to the principles of the common law, so far as applicable, and the rules of evidence as the same are generally administered in the State of Pennsylvania. All witnesses shall, before giving their testimony, be sworn or affirmed by an officer authorized by the laws of Pennsylvania to administer oaths or affirmations; or the following form may be substituted in place of oath or affirmation:

"I solemnly promise that the evidence I shall give in the cause before this Court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and that as fully as if I were speaking under the sanction of an oath (or affirmation) duly administered according to the laws of this Commonwealth."

1 SEC. 14. If the personal attendance of witnesses
2 not resident in the Diocese cannot be obtained either on
3 behalf of the prosecution or the defence, such testimony
4 may be taken under such rules of practice as may be
5 prescribed by the Chancellor, by deposition upon exam-
6 ination and cross-examination by counsel present at the
7 taking of the deposition, or upon interrogatories and
8 cross-interrogatories filed with the Chancellor: *Pro-*
9 *vided*, That the witnesses whose testimony shall be so
10 taken shall testify upon oath or affirmation adminis-
11 tered by an officer authorized to administer oaths and
12 affirmations by the law of the State or Territory in
13 which such deposition shall be taken or shall make the
14 alternative declaration prescribed in Section 13 of this
15 Canon.

16 SEC. 15. If from any cause a vacancy shall hap-
17 pen during a trial in the office of Chancellor, the trial
18 shall then be adjourned, and a Chancellor having been
19 appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese, the trial shall
20 forthwith begin *de novo*, and proceed before such Chan-
21 cellor and the triers so as aforesaid selected. If from
22 any cause a vacancy shall happen during a trial in the
23 office of a trier, the vacancy shall be filled as herein-
24 before provided, and the trial shall begin *de novo*, and
25 forthwith proceed as in a case of a new trial.

26 SEC. 16. It shall be the duty of the Chancellor
27 to cause the evidence, his charge, and his rulings upon
28 the admissibility of evidence, to be stenographically or
29 otherwise reported.

30 SEC. 17. After the evidence shall have been put
31 in and the cause argued by counsel, the Chancellor shall
32 deliver a charge to the triers, advising them as to the
33 issues of law and fact in the cause, and the triers shall,

as soon as may be thereafter, bring to the Chancellor in 1
open Court the written finding of guilty or not guilty on 2
each issue of fact submitted to them by the pleadings, 3
and their recommendation as to the sentence, if any, to 4
be imposed on the Respondent. 5

SEC. 18. The Chancellor shall then submit the 6
record, including the presentment, the plea or answer 7
of the Respondent, the other papers, if any, filed in the 8
cause, the official report of the evidence in the cause, 9
and the charge of the Chancellor and the verdict of the 10
triers to the Bishop. The Bishop and the Chancellor 11
shall then hear argument by the Church Advocate, and 12
the Respondent or his counsel, if the Bishop be re- 13
quested so to do, by either of them within one week 14
after the termination of the trial, at a time and place to 15
be fixed by the Bishop, and the Bishop shall either 16
grant a new trial or enter a judgment in accordance 17
with the finding of a majority of the triers. If the 18
Bishop shall enter a judgment of guilty, he shall pro- 19
nounce a sentence not exceeding in severity that spe- 20
cific sentence which shall have been recommended by 21
a majority of the triers. If a majority of the triers 22
shall have failed to recommend a specific sentence, the 23
Bishop shall impose such sentence as he may deem fit. 24
If he shall enter a judgment of not guilty, the proceed- 25
ings shall then end. If he shall grant a new trial, that 26
trial shall be conducted as is provided by the ninth and 27
following Sections of this Canon. 28

SEC. 19. Whenever the office of Bishop is vacant, 29
the functions of the Bishop under this Canon shall be 30
performed by a Bishop to be selected by the Standing 31
Committee. 32

SEC. 20. Such expense as shall be authorized by 33
the Court and approved by the Standing Committee, 34

other than counsel fees, of every trial contemplated by these Canons shall be paid out of the Convention Fund of the Diocese: *Provided*, That this shall not apply to the person prosecuted, unless he is acquitted; but in that case an allowance in the discretion of the Court may be made on account of counsel fees to be paid out of the Convention Fund.

SEC. 21. Committee of Inquiry.

i. Whenever any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, shall be accused by public rumor of any violation of Title II, Canon 2, Sec. 1, of the Digest of the Canons of the Church, he shall have a right to present a petition to the Bishop demanding an inquiry into the truth of the alleged offence. Upon the receipt of the said petition, which shall be signed by the Clergyman, the Bishop shall forthwith appoint a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen of the Diocese, none of whom shall be of kin to the Petitioner nor be at all connected with the subject-matter of inquiry. The said Committee shall have power to hear the statements and proofs to be submitted by the Petitioner, and shall also have power in their discretion fully to investigate the truth of the public rumor. After having fully satisfied their consciences in the matter, the said Committee, or a majority of its members, of which majority two shall be Clergymen, if they find the said public rumor unfounded shall so declare by their opinion in writing, of which finding the Bishop shall cause due notice to be sent to every Clergyman in the Diocese; but if, on the contrary, they find that there is reasonable ground to presume that the said public rumor is well founded, the

said Committee, or said majority thereof, shall forthwith report their findings to the Bishop. The report of the Committee shall be treated by the Bishop in all respects as a statement filed under the provisions of Sec. 4 of this Canon.

ii. Whenever any Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, resident in this Diocese, shall be accused by public rumor of any offence as aforesaid, the Bishop may appoint a Committee of Inquiry, such as is above provided, who shall have the powers and perform all the duties imposed upon a like committee in relation to the case of a Clergyman petitioning for a Committee of Inquiry.

RULES OF PLEADING AND PRACTICE.

UNDER THE FOREGOING CANON XVII, PRESCRIBED AND APPROVED AS THEREIN DIRECTED.

THE PRESENTMENT.

Each charge contained in the presentment shall consist of two parts—the technical charge and the specification.

The charge shall set forth a definite offence within the purview of Section 5 of the foregoing Canon XVII, with reasonable certainty as to the time and place of its alleged commission.

The specification shall set forth the facts supposed to constitute such offence, with reasonable precision and without redundancy.

When the breach of any Canon is charged, the Canon shall be specifically referred to, and the charge shall be as nearly as possible in the language of the Canon.

Offences of a dissimilar nature may be comprised in the same presentment, but in separate charges.

When the facts set forth in any specification would not, if proven, be sufficient to support the charge, the charge may, on motion, be stricken out of the presentment.

The presentment shall be signed by the presenters and attested by the Church Advocate.

THE DEMURRER.

The demurrer shall set forth specifically the grounds or reasons thereof.

THE ANSWER.

1 The answer provided for by Section 8 of the Canon, whether original
2 or as amended under Section 10, shall be responsive to the presentment,
3 and be arranged in paragraphs corresponding as nearly as may be with the
4 charges contained in the presentment, and refer thereto; but other new
5 matters relied upon by the Respondent as matters of defence may be set
6 forth in subsequent paragraphs.
7 New matters of defence must be relevant to the charges and be set
8 forth with reasonable certainty and without redundancy. When an occur-
9 rence is alleged it shall be with time and place; Canons shall be specifically
10 referred to; and when any supposed law or doctrine of the Church is relied
11 upon, not contained in a Canon, such law or doctrine shall be stated.
12 Where the answer shall not be confined to mere denial of the charges
13 contained in the presentment or the facts asserted in the specification, but
14 shall contain new matters of defence pertinent to the matter in hand, the
15 Church Advocate may join issue on such new matters, and with that the
16 pleading shall terminate.
17 The answer may be directed to be reformed and amended when
18 either or any of the foregoing requirements appear not to have been com-
19 plied with, and if it is not reformed and amended accordingly, within the
20 time allowed for that purpose, the answer, or any part of it so required to
21 be reformed and amended, may be stricken out, or dismissed from further
22 consideration in the case.
23 A copy of all pleadings and amendments of the same shall be fur-
24 nished to the Church Advocate by the person presenting them.

EVIDENCE.

25 If it shall appear that the personal attendance of witnesses, not resi-
26 dent in the Diocese, cannot be obtained either on behalf of the prosecution
27 or the defence, the Chancellor may enter an order in the case, upon petition
28 of the applicant, to take the testimony of such witnesses by deposition, as
29 provided for in Section 14 of the Canon.
30 The petition shall set forth also, the names and residences of the wit-
31 nesses proposed to be examined, the time and place of the examination,
32 with the name of the person by or before whom the testimony will be
33 taken. It shall appear also, whether the testimony is to be taken by depo-
34 sition upon examination and cross-examination, by counsel present at the
35 taking of the deposition, or upon interrogatories and cross-interrogatories
36 filed with the Chancellor.
37 If the witnesses are to be examined by counsel, notice of the order,
38 together with the time and place of taking the testimony, the names and
39 residences of the witnesses and the name of the person by or before whom
40 the testimony is to be taken, shall be given to the opposite party or his
41 attorney eight days before the testimony is taken.
42 When the deposition is to be taken upon interrogatories, a copy shall
43 be served on the opposite party, or his attorney, together with a copy of the

order, notice of the time and place of taking the testimony, the names and residences of the witnesses, and the name and address of the person by or before whom the testimony is to be taken, eight days before the interrogatories are issued; and the opposite party may then file cross-interrogatories within five days after service of said notice.

Any of the times above mentioned may be enlarged by the Chancellor upon sufficient cause shown.

The depositions, when completed, shall be forwarded in a closed package to the address of the Chancellor, and be opened and endorsed by him.

In view of the fact that the Church is without means of obtaining the testimony of witnesses by compulsory process, the trial shall not be postponed or delayed by reason of the non-production of depositions by either party when needed.

(The foregoing rules were prepared by the Chancellor, and approved by the Bishop of the Diocese, July 5, 1894.)

CANON XVIII.

Of the Establishment of New Places of Public Worship.

SEC. 1. No new Church or Chapel shall be established, or new congregation or Sunday-school gathered, nor shall the site of any existing Church, Chapel, or congregation be changed without the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. When it is desired to establish a new Church or Chapel, or to gather a new congregation, or to change the site of any existing Church, Chapel, or Sunday-school building, a petition shall be presented to the Bishop setting forth the site proposed for the new place of worship or Sunday-school building, as the case may be: *Provided*, That if the application be to change the site of an existing Church or Chapel, the petition shall aver that notice of the proposed change of site has been given by the Rector or Minister-in-charge to the congregation at one public service on each of the three Sundays immediately preceding the filing of said petition.

1 SEC. 3. As soon as may be after the receipt of
2 said petition, the Bishop shall cause a copy of the same
3 to be served upon the Rectors and Secretaries of the
4 Vestries of the three Churches whose places of worship
5 are nearest to the site of the new place of worship or
6 Sunday-school building, together with a notice to said
7 Rectors and Vestries to appear before the Bishop and
8 Standing Committee at a time named by the Bishop,
9 not less than twenty nor more than thirty days from
10 the service of said notice, and show cause, if any they
11 have, why the prayer of the petition should not be
12 granted.

13 SEC. 4. Notice similar to that provided for in
14 Section 3 may be given by the Bishop to any Rector
15 or Minister-in-charge of a congregation, or Vestry or
16 Board of Trustees, whose interests he may consider
17 likely to be affected should the prayer of the petition
18 be granted.

19 SEC. 5. At the time named the Bishop and
20 Standing Committee shall hear any person or persons
21 who may desire to be heard either for or against said
22 petition. Within ten days after the hearing, the
23 Standing Committee shall advise the Bishop of its
24 opinion in the premises and the reason or reasons
25 upon which the same is based, and as soon as may be
26 thereafter the Bishop shall either grant or refuse the
27 prayer of said petition and file with the Secretary of
28 the Convention his decision in writing.

29 SEC. 6. If any of the Churches mentioned in
30 Section 3 be without a Rector, service of the petition
31 and notice upon the Secretary of the Vestry of said
32 Church shall be sufficient.

CANON XIX.

Of the Organization of New Parishes.

SEC. 1. No Parish shall hereafter be organized 1
unless the written consent of the Bishop be first 2
obtained, nor shall any Parish hereafter be deemed 3
to be regularly established until its organization be 4
approved by the Bishop. 5

SEC. 2. All applications for such consent shall 6
be in writing, signed by at least fifteen male communi- 7
cants, of full age, who intend to become members of 8
the proposed Parish, and shall contain the following 9
statements: 10

i. The proposed location of the Church and its 11
distance from the three nearest places of worship, the 12
names of which shall be given. 13

ii. Some estimate of the financial strength of the 14
proposed Parish. 15

iii. The number of families and individuals who 16
would probably be included in the congregation. 17

iv. The reasons for the organization of the Parish. 18

SEC. 3. If the Bishop, acting with the advice and 19
consent of the Standing Committee, shall deem the 20
organization of the proposed Parish to be proper and 21
expedient, and conducive to the best interests of the 22
Church, he shall signify his consent in writing, and 23
the organization of the Parish may then take place. 24

SEC. 4. A copy of the articles of association, or 25
of the proposed charter of incorporation of the new 26
organization, shall then be submitted to the Bishop 27
and Standing Committee, together with the names of 28
those chosen as its officers. A written guarantee, 29
signed by responsible persons, shall also be filed with 30

the Standing Committee, pledging a salary for the Rector of the new Parish of at least $1000 (or $800 with a Rectory) for the first three years without recourse to any missionary fund.

SEC. 5. If the organization of the Parish be approved by the Bishop, and its charter or articles of association be approved by the Standing Committee, such approval shall be certified in writing, and the Parish shall then be deemed to be regularly established, within the meaning of Section 2, of Article IV, of the Constitution.

SEC. 6. All matters coming before the Standing Committee under this Canon, and all proceedings had thereon, shall be reported to the next Diocesan Convention.

SEC. 7. No proceedings shall in any case be taken under this Canon by the Bishop or Standing Committee until the provisions of Canon XVIII shall have been complied with.

CANON XX.

Of Consecrated Churches and Chapels.

It shall not be lawful for any Church or Parish in this Diocese to encumber or alienate, or suffer to become alienated, or cause to be removed, or taken down or otherwise disposed of for any "unhallowed, worldly, or common use," any consecrated Church or Chapel, without the previous consent of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the President and Lay members of the Standing Committee.

Any Church or Parish violating this Canon shall forfeit its representation in the Convention of the Diocese.

CANON XXI.

Of the Sustentation Fund.

SEC. 1. There shall be a fund, to be called "The 1
Sustentation Fund," for augmenting the salaries of 2
inadequately paid Rectors, contributions for which 3
shall be requested annually from the various Churches 4
in the Diocese, the gross amount to be asked for each 5
year being fixed by resolution of the Convention. 6

SEC. 2. At every Annual Convention there shall 7
be elected two Clergymen and two Laymen, who, with 8
the Bishop, shall constitute a Board of Stewards of the 9
Sustentation Fund. The Board shall elect a Layman 10
as Treasurer. 11

SEC. 3. The Board of Stewards shall annually 12
apportion the amount desired to be contributed for said 13
Fund among the various regularly organized Parishes 14
of the Diocese, on the same basis as that taken for the 15
assessment of the Episcopal Fund: *Provided, however,* 16
That no Parish shall be required to contribute whose 17
Minister receives any appropriations from the Dioce- 18
san Missionary Fund or from the Fund created by 19
this Canon. 20

SEC. 4. From the funds at their disposal the 21
Board of Stewards shall, at their discretion, make 22
appropriations in augmentation of the inadequate sal- 23
aries of Rectors of Parishes. Such appropriations to 24
be made on the following conditions: 25

i. No appropriation shall be made to a Rector 26
unless the Church or Churches under his charge shall 27
pay him a salary of at least five hundred dollars, or at 28
least four hundred dollars if a Rectory be provided. 29

ii. The appropriation made to any Rector shall 30

not exceed such sum as will augment his salary to twelve hundred dollars.

iii. Such appropriations shall be made only on written application of the Vestry or Vestries of the Church or Churches for whose Rector it is desired, together with the written approval of the Rector, and such full information as may be required by the Stewards concerning the affairs and resources of the Parish shall be furnished.

iv. No Rector who receives directly or indirectly an appropriation from the Diocesan Missionary Fund shall be awarded anything from the Sustentation Fund.

v. The Stewards shall satisfy themselves as to the necessities and merits of each case coming before them.

vi. Any Rector receiving an appropriation from the Sustentation Fund shall, in addition to the care of his own Parish, perform such other duty in the Convocation to which he belongs as shall be assigned him by the Bishop.

SEC. 5. The Board of Stewards shall report annually to the Convention.

CANON XXII.

Of the Church House of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

SEC. 1. At the meeting of the Convention at which this Canon shall be adopted and triennially thereafter, the Convention shall elect two Clergymen and three Laymen, who, together with the Bishop of the Diocese and the Treasurer thereof, shall be the Custodians of the Church House.

SEC. 2. The entire control of the Church House shall be vested in said Custodians. They shall rent the stores, determine the use to be made of the other rooms

in the building, provide for the care and maintenance 1
thereof, and prescribe such rules for the government of 2
such House as they shall deem proper. 3

SEC. 3. The revenue derived from the House 4
shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Diocese; said 5
revenue shall be kept separate from the other funds of 6
the Diocese, and shall be paid out by the Treasurer 7
upon the order of a majority of the Custodians for the 8
expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of 9
Section 2; and no order shall be made except at a 10
meeting duly called. 11

SEC. 4. If in any year the revenue derived from 12
the House shall be insufficient to meet the expenses 13
incurred as provided for by Section 2, the deficit shall 14
be paid by the Treasurer of the Diocese, out of the 15
Convention Fund: *Provided*, That no expense arising 16
from the original furnishing of the House be chargeable 17
upon the funds of the Convention. 18

SEC. 5. The Custodians shall have power to fill 19
vacancies in their number, and shall report annually to 20
the Convention their receipts and disbursements, and 21
such other information as they may deem advisable, or 22
the Convention may desire. 23

SEC. 6. Any Library Committee or other Com- 24
mittee or Society, occupying rooms in the Church 25
House by authority of the Convention, shall be subject 26
to such regulations as the Custodians shall see fit to 27
make. 28

CANON XXIII.

Of Alterations in the Canon Law.

SEC. 1. On the first day of every Convention a 29
Committee to consist of three Clergymen and three 30

1 Laymen, and to be called the Committee on Canons,
2 shall be appointed.

3 SEC. 2. All proposals to alter or add to the Con-
4 stitution or the Canons of the Diocese shall be referred
5 to this Committee: *Provided*, That proposals to alter
6 or add to the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese,
7 which shall have been recommended by a special Com-
8 mittee of the Convention, shall be referred to the Com-
9 mittee on Canons only in order that the Committee
10 may report specifically whether or not the proposed
11 amendment does or does not conflict with any provision
12 of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.

13 SEC. 3. No existing Canons shall be changed,
14 and no new Canon shall be enacted on the day on
15 which the change or enactment may be proposed.

STANDING ORDERS OF THE CONVENTION.

I. Opening of the Convention.

1. On the first day of the meeting of the Convention, there shall be a public service according to *Canon V*, *Sections 1 and 2*. On all subsequent days, the Presiding Officer, or some one appointed by him, shall open the Convention at 9.30 o'clock a. m., saying the Lord's Prayer and suitable Collects.

2. In the absence of the President, the Secretary shall call the Convention to order. After calling the roll, a President *pro tempore* shall be elected according to *Article 5 of the Constitution.*

II. The Order of Business shall be as follows:

1. The calling of the Roll by the Secretary (at the opening session only).

2. Election of Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

3. Report of Business left unfinished at the last Convention.

4. Reports of Special Committees, requiring early action thereon by the Convention.

5. Appointment of Committees, viz.:
   (*a*) On Charters.
   (*b*) On Claims of Clergymen to Seats.
   (*c*) On Claims of Deputies to Seats.
   (*d*) On Canons.
   (*e*) On Parochial History.
   (*f*) On Expenses.

6. Reference of Charters and Claims to Seats to the proper Committees.

7. Proposed alterations of the Constitution and Canons, and reference of the same by the President to the Committee on Canons, shall be in order only during the sessions of the first day of the Convention.

8. Reports of Special Committees on matters to be referred to the Committee on Canons, according to *Canon XXIII, Section 2.*

9. Reports of Committees, with action thereon:
   (*a*) On Claims of Clergy to Seats.
   (*b*) On Claims of Deputies to Seats.
   (*c*) On Charters.

10. Nominations to Offices to be filled by the Convention.

11. The Report of the Standing Committee.

12. All Reports from Committees and Officers, conveying information only, and not likely to give rise to debate, viz.:
    (*a*) Of the Episcopal and Convention Funds.
    (*b*) Of the Christmas Fund.
    (*c*) Of the Clergy Daughters' Fund.
    (*d*) Of the Sustentation Fund.
    (*e*) Of Church Work Among the Deaf.
    (*f*) Of the Secretary.
    (*g*) Of the Registrar.
    (*h*) Of the Institutions in the Diocese.

NOTE:—Reports on Institutions, and any of the above Reports when printed and circulated in the Convention, shall be read by title only and printed in the *Journal*.

13. The order of the day, at 4 o'clock, shall be the reading of the Bishop's Address.

14. The order of the day shall be the Report of the Board of Missions, and transaction of Missionary Business.

15. Reports of other Committees.

16. Unfinished Business of a previous Convention.

17. Miscellaneous Business.

III. The Order of Business after the first day shall be as follows:

1. Reading, Correcting and Approving the Minutes.

2. Unfinished Business of the sessions of the previous day.

3. The Report of the Committee on Canons, but any further reports from the Committee on Canons shall be in order at any subsequent time.

4. The order of the day on the second day, at 4 o'clock, shall be the Election of Officers, and the following appointments, viz.:
    (*a*) The Standing Committee.
    (*b*) The Deputies to the General Convention. *Triennially.*
    (*c*) The Chancellor. *Septennially.*
    (*d*) The Church Advocate.
    (*e*) The Triers. *Biennially.*

(*f*) The Treasurer of the Diocese.
(*g*) The Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.
(*h*) The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese.
(*i*) Custodians of the Church House, *Triennially*.
(*j*) The Stewards of the Sustentation Fund.
(*k*) The Treasurer of the Christmas Fund.
(*l*) The Committee of the Christmas Fund.
(*m*) The Trustees of General Theological Seminary.
(*n*) The Registrar.
(*o*) The Appointment of Commission on Church Work Among the Deaf.
(*p*) Appointment of Special Committees.
(*q*) Of Other Officers and Committees not provided for above.

NOTE:—All nominations to offices to be filled by the Convention shall be made on the first day of the session. Where more than one nomination is made to the same office, the Secretary shall cause the names of all candidates to be printed on one ballot, designating the offices to which they are nominated and the number of candidates that are to be voted for. Where more than one ballot is necessary, similar printed ballots shall be used, but shall only be counted for the office or offices to which no election shall have taken place upon the preceding ballot.

5. Reports of Committees.

6. Unfinished Business.

7. Motions, Resolutions and Miscellaneous Business

STANDING RULES OF ORDER.

1. No member shall speak more than ten minutes at a time, nor more than once in the same debate, without leave of the house.

2. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same meeting of the Convention, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

3. No motion shall be considered as before the house unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

4. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other and without debate.

5. If a motion to lay on the table an amendment or a substitute be carried, the matter before the house shall be proceeded with as if no such amendment or substitute had been offered.

6. No resolution affecting salaries under control of the Convention shall be finally adopted on the day on which it is introduced.

7. When the question is upon the passage of a debatable resolution, amendment, or substitute, the mover thereof may in all cases be allowed five minutes' time in which to close the debate.

8. These rules of order may be suspended by a two-thirds vote, and not otherwise; but no permanent alteration shall be voted on until after twenty-four hours' notice to the Convention of the proposed changes

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

THE CONVENTION, MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the term "under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical Authority" [in Constitution, Article IV, I] is to be construed as involving a specific joint act between the Ecclesiastical Authority and the Clergyman by which the former appoints, and the latter accepts appointment, to perform such Ecclesiastical service as the Ecclesiastical Authority may assign to him. (*Journal*, 1895, p. 41; see Report, pp. 29–41.)

LAY DEPUTIES.

1. That the Churches of the Diocese be affectionately and earnestly requested to select their Deputies to the Convention from such of their people as "come to the Holy Communion."

2. That a copy of the above resolution be sent annually to each Parish, in company with the notice of the meeting of the Convention, required by Canon II. (1863, p. 84.)

That it is the sense of this Convention that no person shall sit as Deputy from more than one Church or congregation, but if elected from two or more he should, before taking his seat, file a paper with the Secretary declaring which Church or congregation he elects to sit and vote for. (1893, p. 146.)

CALLING OF ROLL, ETC.

That hereafter, in calling the lists of Clergy and Laity, all titles be omitted. (1894, p. 51.)

That the resolution adopted authorizing the Secretary, when calling the names of voters, to omit all titles, be made exceptional when calling the name of the Bishop. (1894, p. 116.)

SEATS IN CONVENTION.

When a Bishop of this Church, or of a Church in communion with it, is present, the President of the Convention may invite him to take a seat in the chancel, and be present during the sittings. (1839, p. 12.)

THE "JOURNAL."

That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention to procure a substantial blank book, to be lettered "Minutes of Convention," with a suitable index, and to cause to be transcribed therein at the expense of Convention, the fair minutes of this Convention, at its present and all subsequent sittings, excluding Parochial Reports, and all other reports and papers not forming a part of the said minutes, nor directed by Convention to be entered therein, and to authenticate the said minutes with his signature. And it shall be his duty to hand over the said book to his successor in office. (1841, p. 24; see also 1842, p. 27.)

That all motions withdrawn before coming to vote shall not be entered on the minutes. (1894, p. 115.)

That previous to adjournment of Convention the rough minutes shall always be read and passed upon. (1841, p. 34.)

PRINTING OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

That it is the true interpretation of Canon VII, of 1835, of the General Convention, that the Bishop may direct such parts of the Parochial Reports . . . as he thinks fit, shall be entered on the *Journal*. . . . . (1841, p. 33.)

That hereafter the names of Wardens shall be published with Parochial Reports. (1866, p. 57.)

That the historical order be observed in the *Journal*, and the alphabetical order in the Index, as in the *Journal* of 1892. (1893, p. 90.)

TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE.

That the Report of the Trustees of the Diocese be printed in the *Journal* of this Convention. (1891, p. 126.)

SUSTENTATION FUND.

That the Stewards of the Sustentation Fund be given the privilege of printing their schedule of apportionment in the *Journal* of this Convention, together with their report. (1891, p. 126.)

ANNUAL REPORTS OF HOSPITALS, ETC

That all Hospitals, Orphan Asylums, Church Homes, Educational and other Institutions connected with this Diocese be requested to report annually to the Convention for the purpose of insertion as an appendix to the *Journal*, subject to the same revision as Parochial Reports. (1867, p. 67.)

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be directed to insert in the *Journal* of each year the corporate title of each of the Benevolent Institutions of the Diocese. (1865, p. 69.)

VOTING, ETC.

Voting List of Parishes to be in alphabetical order. (1893, p. 90; 1894, p. 43.)

That the principle governing the Tellers of Lay vote for Deputies to General Convention in counting

that part of each ballot which was correct in form be adopted as the rule of the House. (1895, pp. 134, 136; see also p. 142.)

Blank ballots not to be counted. (1895, p. 142.)

That it is the will of this Convention, that whenever only one order votes on a call for the yeas and nays on any question, the name of each voter shall be recorded and printed in the *Journal*. (1864, p. 79.)

TITLES. (See pp. 87, 88.)

REGISTRAR.

That the Registrar of the Diocese be authorized to have bound from time to time such books, pamphlets, etc., as he may deem necessary, at the expense of the Convention. (1868, p. 68.)

That the Registrar be directed not to allow access to the lists of communicants to any person or for any purpose not expressly authorized by the Bishop. (1893, p. 118.) Secretary to notify Clergy to send list. (1897, p. 137.)

PAROCHIAL HISTORY.

That the Committee appointed to obtain historical sketches of the various Parishes in the Diocese be increased by the addition of eight names, and be constituted a permanent committee of this Convention;

Resolved, That this Committee be charged with the duty of collecting, preserving and arranging such books, pamphlets, papers and manuscripts relating to the history of the Church in this country and particularly in this Diocese, as may be within their ability to obtain; to provide for them a secure depository, and to report from time to time to this Convention. (1865, p. 78.)

TREASURER.

That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the traveling expenses of the Clerical members of this Convention; and that hereafter their full expenses be paid, except where Parish assessments have not been received by the Treasurer. (1866, p. 48.)

That the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay from time to time, under instructions from the Trustees of the Episcopal Residence, the taxes, water rents, and for the necessary repairs upon said residence, and to charge the amount to the Episcopal Fund. (1870, p. 64.)

COMMITTEE ON EXPENSES.

Resolved, That all resolutions, which may be presented pertaining to appropriations of money from the funds of the Convention, be first referred to a standing Committee on Expenses consisting of three members of which the Treasurer shall be one, to be subsequently reported upon by it to the Convention. (1900, p. 120.)

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE. (1869, p. 49.)

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

That it is the sense of this Convention that the Clergy shall take offerings annually for Diocesan Missions in their several Parishes and shall present the claims of the same and urge their congregations to offer for this purpose, according as God shall give them ability. (1888, p. 82.)

Resolved, That every Parish and Mission Station in the Diocese be and is hereby asked to take at least one offering annually for the inauguration of new Diocesan Missionary work and further development of old work, and that the previous Standing Resolution on this subject is hereby repealed. (1898, p. 145.)

BISHOP'S FUND (TO BE USED AT BISHOP'S DISCRETION FOR THE RELIEF OF ANY PERSONS WHO MAY BE IN WANT, ETC.).

That this Convention earnestly commends this subject to the Rectors of the Diocese, with the hope that each one will take measures every year to put into the hands of the Bishop, for use at his discretion, such a sum as his presentation of the case may secure from his congregation for this purpose. (1888, p. 104.)

NEED OF THE CHURCH FOR FAITHFUL MINISTRY.

That it be earnestly recommended to every Parish Clergyman in this Diocese, on the third Sunday in Advent, or during one of the Ember seasons, annually, to bring before his people, in a sermon, the needs of the Church for a due supply of faithful ministers; and to report to each Convention the number of such young men, in his Parish, as are pursuing liberal studies, with a view to the sacred ministry.

Resolved, That this be a standing resolution of the Convention of this Diocese, and be accordingly placed on each *Journal*. (1867, p. 65.)

OF THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Convention heartily approves the pious design of the General Convention in the formation of said society for missionary purposes, and hereby recommends to all the Churches in this Diocese to further, by their contributions and their prayers, an object so immediately connected with the prosperity of the Episcopal Church in this country, and the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom abroad. (May, 1822.)

THE CORPORATION FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF CLERGYMEN IN . . . . PENNSYLVANIA.

It is recommended to the Vestries of Churches throughout the State, to consider the expediency of

making provision for securing to the families of their respective ministers the benefits of the funds in the hands of the Corporation for the relief, etc., by paying in their behalf the annual contributions required by the Constitution of that Society. (May, 1825.)

SOCIETY . . . . FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIANITY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

The Constitution of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania having been read, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That this Convention have received with much pleasure, information of the establishment of said society, that they give their unqualified approbation to so laudable an institution, and promise to cooperate with them in promoting their pious and benevolent design. (May, 1812.)

BISHOP WHITE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY.

This Convention heartily approves of the formation of the "Bishop White Prayer Book Society," and commends it to the favorable regard and the coöperation of the Clergy and members of the Church in this Diocese as an important means of promoting the prosperity of the older Parishes, and of greatly facilitating the formation of new congregations. (May, 1834, p. 58.)

FORM OF THE CERTIFICATE FOR LAY DEPUTIES TO CONVENTION.

It is hereby certified, that at a meeting of the Vestry of Church, , in the County of , held on the day of , 19 , Mr. was duly elected a Lay Deputy to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to be held in on the day of , next, and that the said Deputy is now, and has also been for not less than the six calendar months next before his election a worshiper in the said Church.

Dated this day of , 19 .

WARDEN.*

} VESTRYMEN.

* To be signed by one Warden or two Vestrymen.

N. B.—If more than one Deputy be chosen, a certificate in the above form may be given to each, or, which is better, the names of all may be included in one certificate, varying the language accordingly.

N. B.—According to Canon II, "No other certificate or evidence of the appointment of any Lay Deputy or Deputies to the Convention of this Diocese shall be allowed or received."

N. B.—*Resolved*, That the Churches of the Diocese be affectionately and earnestly requested to select their Deputies to the Convention from such of their people as "come to the Holy Communion."—*Journal* of 1863, p. 84. Also, "that * * * no person shall sit as Deputy from more than one Church or Congregation," etc.—*Journal* of 1893, p. 146.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

.....*County.*

..... CHURCH ..... ADMITTED .....

The Rev. .....Rector. The Rev. ..... Assistant.

..... Rector's Warden. ..... Acct'g Warden.

BAPTISMS—Adult .....
Infants .....
Total.....
CONFIRMED—Male...Female .....
COMMUNICANTS—Added—New.....
By transfer .....
Died .....
Removed by revision of List ....
Removed by transfer .....
Present number ..
MARRIAGES.....
BURIALS .....
PUBLIC SERVICES—. .....
On Sundays.....
On other days .....
Total .....
Holy Communion .....
CHILDREN CATECHISED—TIMES .....
MISSION STATIONS (statistics of which are included in this report) .....
SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BIBLE CLASSES
Officers and Teachers .....
Scholars .....
Total Membership .....
OTHER SCHOOLS .....
Teachers.....Scholars.....
OTHER PARISH AGENCIES:
.....
CHURCH .....
Sittings .....
Chapel Buildings .....
Sittings .....
Parish and School Buildings .....
Parsonage.....
Cemetery .....
Salary of Rector, per annum, $ .....
Of which from Convocation or Sustentation Fund ....$.....
Arrears of Salary .....$.....
Total number of Free Sittings .....
Extra Sunday services, free to all ..

EXPENDITURES.

PAROCHIAL: .
Current Expenses (including salaries of Ministers, use of Rectory, if any, for music and bell-ringing, fuel and lighting, care of Church buildings and grounds, and ordinary repairs of the same).....
Improvements .....
Payment of Debts. .....
Support of Sunday Schools .....
Parish Schools .....
Parish Mission Stations .

For the Poor.....
Parish Library.....
Endowment .....
Total .....
DIOCESAN:
Episcopal and Convention Fund....
Sustentation Fund .....
Missions—Diocesan .....
City .....
Deaf .....
Italian .....
Seamen's .....
Episcopal Hospital .....
Other " .....
Christmas Fund (for infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergymen .....
Bishop's Charity Fund .....
House of Rest .....
Total Diocesan .....
EXTRA DIOCESAN:
Missions—General .....
Foreign.....
Domestic .....
Indian.....
Colored People .....
Jews .....
American Church Building Fund...
Christian or Theological Education..
Book Societies .....
Clergymen's Retiring Fund .....
Miscellaneous .....
Total Extra Diocesan.....
Total for all objects .....
Boxes sent—No...estimated value..

RECEIPTS.

Pew Rents .....
Offerings for all Parish Purposes ...
Offerings for Purposes outside the Parish .....
Donations.....
Investments .....
Other Sources .....
Sunday School.....
Woman's Auxiliary.....
Other Societies .....
Total .....

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

ESTIMATED AGGREGATE VALUE OF PROPERTY OF THE PARISH, Real and Personal .....
ENCUMBRANCES, on Church Edifice.
On Other Buildings and Lands.
Other Indebtedness.....
Endowment Fund .....
Other Information .....

FORM OF CHARTER OF INCORPORATION.

RECOMMENDED BY THE CONVENTION.

WHEREAS, The following named persons, citizens of this Commonwealth, viz:

have associated themselves and formed a Congregation for the worship of Almighty God at
in , and are now desirous of becoming incorporated agreeably to the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Certain Corporations," approved the Twenty-ninth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four, and the Supplements thereto; they do therefore declare the following to be the objects, articles and conditions of their said Association, agreeably to which they desire to be incorporated.

First. That the name of the Corporation shall be, "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of

Second. This Church acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. As such, it accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the Constitution, Canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the

United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and acknowledges their authority accordingly. And it is hereby expressly declared that the purpose for which the Corporation is formed is the support of the Public Worship of Almighty God according to the Faith and Discipline of the said Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and of the said Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Any member of this Church or Corporation who shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the said authority shall cease to be a member of this Corporation, and shall not be elected, or vote, in the election of Vestrymen, or exercise any office or function in, concerning or connected with said Church or Corporation.

Third. The rents and revenues of this Corporation shall be from time to time applied for the maintenance and support of the Rector, Ministers and officers of said Church, and in the erection and necessary repairs of the Church, Churchyard, parsonage house and other houses which now do or hereafter shall belong to the said Corporation, and to such other purposes as the corporate funds may be lawfully applied. *Provided,* That all the property of the said Corporation shall be taken, held, and enure, subject to the control and disposition of the Vestry of the same: *And, provided,* That the clear annual value or income of the real and personal estate held by the said Corporation, shall not at any time exceed the amount authorized by the laws of this Commonwealth.

Fourth. The Rector of this Church shall be elected by the Church Wardens and Vestrymen in such manner

as the statutes and By-Laws shall ordain. The Vestry of the Church shall consist of persons, Lay members of the Protestant Episcopal Church and citizens of Pennsylvania, who shall continue in office for one year and until their successors are chosen. They shall be elected in each year on Easter Monday, by a majority of adult male and female persons, present and voting (1) [who shall appear by the Vestry books to have paid during two successive years next preceding the time for such election for a pew or sitting in said Church, and one of which payments shall have been made at least one year before the election: *Provided*, That until the next Easter Monday after the expiration of five years from the date of this charter, members of said Church who shall in any way have contributed to the erection of the Church, or to the support of the Rector or Ministers thereof, shall be entitled to vote at the election of Vestrymen]: *And, provided*, That in case of the failure to elect a quorum of Vestrymen on that day, the Corporation shall not on that account be dissolved; but the election shall be holden upon any succeeding Monday, of which notice shall be given by the officiating Minister on the Sunday previous, in such manner as the By-Laws may prescribe; and any vacancy occurring in the Vestry shall be supplied by the remaining members thereof: *And, provided*, That no person shall be eligible as a Vestryman unless he shall have been nominated in writing to one of the Wardens at least forty-eight hours before the time fixed for the election. At the meeting of the Vestry, the Rector, if present, may preside, and in all matters except such as concern the property of the Corporation, shall be entitled, in common with the several members of the Vestry, to one vote.

Any vacancy occurring during the term of office may be filled by the Vestry, including vacancies consequent on the election of less than a full Vestry, a quorum having been elected.

And the Vestry by a vote of two-thirds of all the members shall have power to make all By-Laws for the government of the Corporation: *Provided*, That the same shall not be repugnant to the Constitution or laws of the United States, or the Constitution or laws of this Commonwealth, or to the Charter of this Corporation; and the same to alter and change at their pleasure; but all changes shall be proposed at a meeting thirty days before they are made. (2)

Fifth. No person shall be Rector or Assistant Minister of this Church unless he shall have had Episcopal ordination, and unless he be in full standing with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and in the United States, and recognized as such by the Bishop of this Diocese, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Sixth. The said Vestry shall have full power to choose their own officers; and they shall annually, at the first meeting after their election, choose one of their own number to be one Church Warden, and the Rector for the time being shall elect another of the said Vestrymen to be the other Church Warden of the said Church. In case of a vacancy in the office of Rector at the time of the election, the other Church Warden shall also be chosen by the Vestry, to remain until the election of a Rector, or a new election of the Vestry, and during such vacancy all the powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by the Vestry as fully and

entirely as if no such vacancy had occurred: *Provided, always*, That it shall be the duty of the said Church Wardens and Vestrymen to elect another Rector to supply the vacancy as soon as conveniently may be.

Seventh. This Charter may be amended in the following manner, that is to say: Any proposed amendment shall be submitted to a stated or special meeting of the Vestry, and if the same shall be approved by a majority of the whole of the members thereof, the same shall be submitted to a meeting of the members of the Congregation, who are entitled to vote for Vestrymen, and if approved by a majority of the persons present at such meeting, the same shall be submitted to the next Convention, and, if it be approved, shall be and form part of the charter upon the subsequent confirmation thereof by the Court which granted the original Charter, or other competent authority.

Eighth. In case of the dissolution of the said Corporation, all the property of same shall vest in "The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania," in trust, for the purposes mentioned in Art. IV of the Charter of said Trustees, and to be used and applied by the said Trustees in such manner as they shall direct.

Ninth. No grant shall be made of the real property of the Corporation, or charge imposed thereon, except by the consent of two-thirds of the Vestry, at a meeting called for that purpose.

Tenth. The following-named persons shall be the Church Wardens and Vestrymen to continue in office

until the election on Easter Monday next, and until others be chosen, viz:

NOTE.—When a charter for a free Church is desired, this form may be varied by inserting at (1), in place of the form enclosed in brackets, these words, "being members of the Corporation as hereinafter provided," and by inserting a clause at (2), in these words, "The members of this Corporation shall consist of adult male and female members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who shall have attended services of the Church at their usual place of worship for one year and upwards, and whose names are inscribed on a register which it shall be the duty of the Vestry to keep; and they shall continue to be entitled to vote until their names are withdrawn at their own request, or have been removed by the Vestry, which the Vestry are authorized to do when such persons shall be ascertained to have ceased to attend the services of such Church as their usual and stated place of worship."

And this may be varied by adding any other qualification that is deemed advisable, such as contributing to expenses, coming to the Holy Communion, etc.

CHARTER AND BY-LAWS OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

CHARTER.

WHEREAS: The persons whose names are hereunto subscribed at the request of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and being citizens of this Commonwealth are desirous of being incorporated in pursuance of an Act of Assembly of this Commonwealth, entitled "An Act to confer on certain Associations of the Citizens of this Commonwealth the powers and immunities of Corporations or Bodies Politic in Law," approved the sixth day of April, A. D. 1791, and the Supplements thereto, they therefore declare the following to be the objects, articles and conditions of their Association agreeably to which they desire to be incorporated.

ARTICLE I.

The name and style of the Corporation shall be, *The Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.*

ARTICLE II.

The Corporation shall consist of the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and Rev. C. George Currie, D. D., Rev. William N. McVickar, Rev. R. B. Claxton, D. D., Rev. Thomas F. Davies, D. D., Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, D. D., Rev. W. W. Farr, D. D., Rev. Henry Brown, Rev. T. C. Yarnall, D. D., Rev. James W. Robins, D. D., Messrs. R. C. McMurtrie, Morton P. Henry, Lewis H. Redner, Orlando Crease, P. Pemberton Morris, J. Vaughan Merrick, Lemuel Coffin, Alfred C. Harrison, Hon. M. Russell Thayer, George C. Morris, Frederick Fraley and George C. Thomas, who shall continue to be members of the Corporation until their successors are duly chosen.

The Bishop of the said Church for the time being, being a citizen of this Commonwealth, shall be *ex officio* a member of the Corporation and presiding officer of the same. The other members consisting of nine Clergymen and twelve Laymen, all being citizens of this Commonwealth, shall be divided by lot into three classes which shall hold their offices for one, two and three years respectively. At each annual Convention of the said Church there shall be chosen three Clergymen and four Laymen from candidates nominated on a previous day and their names delivered in writing to the Secretary of the Convention to fill the vacancies that will then occur.

Each of the Clerical members of the Convention and each of the Lay representatives may vote for two Clergymen and two Laymen, and the three Clergymen and four Laymen having the highest number of concurrent votes of each order shall be declared elected.

And that the said election shall be held at five o'clock of the second day of the Session of the Conven-

tion, if a majority of the Clerical members and Lay representatives who shall have appeared during the Session and been admitted to seats are present, but if no such majority be present at that time or the election shall not be completed, the election shall be postponed till the next day at ten o'clock, when the same shall be proceeded with without regard to the number then present. *And provided, further,* That the balloting may be dispensed with in cases where only three Clergymen and four Laymen are nominated.

ARTICLE III.

The said Corporation shall have authority from time to time to enact By-Laws and the same to repeal and alter: *Provided,* That the same shall not be repugnant to the Constitution or laws of the United States, or the Constitution or laws of this Commonwealth, or of the Charter of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

The objects for which this Charter is applied for and granted are:

To be Trustees to receive and hold and manage and dispose of real or personal property, which they may acquire by gift, purchase, or devise for the use of the said Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, or of any congregation thereof, or for any charitable purpose connected with the same.*

* By Act of Assembly, approved April 10, 1893, entitled "An Act to entitle eleemosynary corporations to secure their property from liability to be wasted or incumbered by managers or beneficiaries of the estate," it is enacted, inter alia, "That any corporation or trustees for charitable uses owning any property dedicated to religious or charitable purposes, . . . may for the purpose of protecting the said property from liability to debt thereafter contracted on the part of the corporations or persons having the control or management of the charity, vest their property in trustees upon trust for the use of the congregation," etc.

And it is declared as the conditions upon which said trusts shall be accepted, that as to any property the uses of which are not otherwise limited by the donors, the same shall be subject to the directions and disposition from time to time of the said Corporation in the manner directed by this Charter and the By-Laws of this Corporation.

Subject to the directions of the donors, the Corporation shall have authority to sell and convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of the said property, as if they were absolute owners, and free of all trusts as far as the purchasers, grantees, or lessees are concerned and to receive and receipt for the purchase or other money received from the transfer or mortgage of the same. And, also, that no member of the Corporation shall be personally liable for any breach of trust or misconduct in dealing with the trust property of any other person or persons, but only for his own acts and omissions. *And provided, also,* That the clear yearly value or income of the real estate held by this Corporation shall not exceed the amount which by the laws of the Commonwealth it may be authorized to hold, and the yearly income of the said Corporation from property other than real estate shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

No funds or property held by the Corporation shall be distributed or applied to any use or purpose except at a meeting at which there shall be present a majority of each of the classes or orders of the elected members of the Corporation, Clerical and Lay, and also a majority of Laymen.

And for the transaction of other business and for directing investments or changes of investments of the funds or property held by the Corporation in trust or

otherwise, two Clerical and five Lay members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum, there being always a majority of Laymen present.

Vacancies in the office of the elected members by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term, but so that there shall always be a majority of Laymen constituting the Board.

ARTICLE V.

No property, real or personal, shall be received by the Trustees from any corporation unless upon the written application of such corporation duly authorized by the members of the corporation properly certified, and such application shall also first receive the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese.

ARTICLE VI

Alterations of this Charter shall be applied for by the Board of Trustees, by order of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, but not otherwise.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION I.

OFFICE.

The Office of this Trust and the place of meeting of the Board shall be the Church House of the Diocese.

SECTION II.

MEETINGS.

The Board of Managers shall meet at three-thirty o'clock on the second Thursday of October, January, and April, and the Thursday in the week following the adjournment of the Convention. Special meetings may be called by the President or Secretary, and shall be called by the Secretary at the request of any three of the Trustees, forty-eight hours' notice of such meetings being given by mail.

SECTION III.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES.

A majority of all Committees appointed by the By-Laws which can in any way control the management of property shall be composed of Laymen, and there must be a majority of Laymen present to constitute a quorum of the Committee.

SECTION IV.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

At their first meeting after the adjournment of the Diocesan Convention, or as soon thereafter as is convenient, the Board shall elect from their own num-

ber, or others, a Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as they may from time to time determine. And there shall then be appointed by the President, or in his absence by the Board of Managers:

A Committee on Investments;
A Committee on Trusts;
A Committee on Accounts.

Each of these Committees shall consist of two Clergymen and three Laymen, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, a majority at all times being Laymen.

And there shall be appointed in like manner such other Committees as the Board may deem expedient.

SECTION V.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS.

The Committee on Investments shall have the supervision and control of all property belonging or entrusted to this Corporation as respects the management of the same. They shall furnish the Committee on Trusts with such information as will enable them to administer the Trusts confided to the Corporation, and they shall furnish the Board of Trustees with all information required for the disposition of the property held by the Corporation.

SECTION VI.

SECURITIES.

The title to all securities and property, including the bank deposits, shall be in the corporate name. The securities and other documents shall be deposited with the Treasurer and kept by him as the Board may direct.

SECTION VII.

COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS.

The Committee on Trusts shall examine into and report to the Board for their action upon the advisability of accepting and undertaking to execute any trusts which may be proposed to be confided to them. They may, without further authority, accept gifts and grants where there are no conditions annexed and the property is to be employed as the Board may see fit, *or where no expense, charges or other burden can be imposed by the acceptance of the property beyond the proper application of income derived therefrom.* And they shall have the management of and direct the disposition of all funds and property held by the Corporation upon trust, which define the specific objects to which the property shall be applied.

Trusts for objects to be selected or determined by the Corporation shall be administered by this Committee under special instructions from the Board of Trustees.

SECTION VIII.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts shall have the supervision and control of all accounts and accounting officers or agents of the Corporation and from time to time shall audit and examine the accounts and the evidence of property and securities of investments and certify the result.

They shall from time to time and whenever requested by the Board of Trustees report to the Board the state of the affairs over which they have supervision.

SECTION IX.

TREASURER—TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.

The Treasurer shall have authority to sign all checks and make all transfers of property in conjunction with the Secretary or such other person as shall be nominated by the Board—such checks and transfers being authorized by the Board or the Committee having charge of the particular business. But all checks or documents by which any property belonging or entrusted to the Corporation can be transferred must be signed by at least two persons on behalf of the Corporation.

All transfers of property shall be attested by two Trustees.

SECTION X.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board and transcribe minutes of the proceedings of the Committees on the Minute Book of the Board.

And he shall keep a record of all deeds, wills, or other documents relative to the business of the Corporation, and the property belonging or entrusted to it, and have the same indexed.

He shall keep the seal of the Corporation and affix the same when authorized by the Board or the Committee having charge of the particular business in which it is used.

SECTION XI.

NOTICES OF MEETING.

Notices of all meetings of the Board or of the Committees shall be given by mail at the addresses of

the members, and if the meetings are special the objects shall be briefly stated in the notices.

SECTION XII

SEAL.

The seal of the Corporation shall have the name of the Corporation engraved thereon with a cross in the centre.

SECTION XIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Any changes in or additions to these By-Laws shall be proposed at one meeting and finally adopted at a subsequent meeting of the Board, and notice of the intended amendment to the By-Laws shall be given in the notice of such meeting.

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